

Fractions



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Multiplying Fractions



Aim

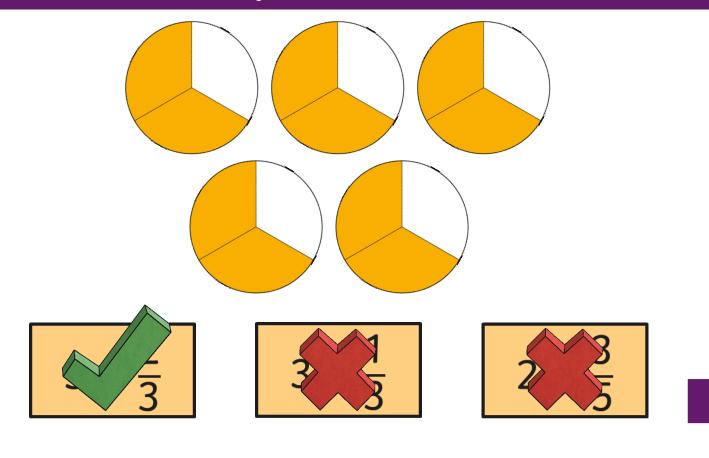
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Success Criteria

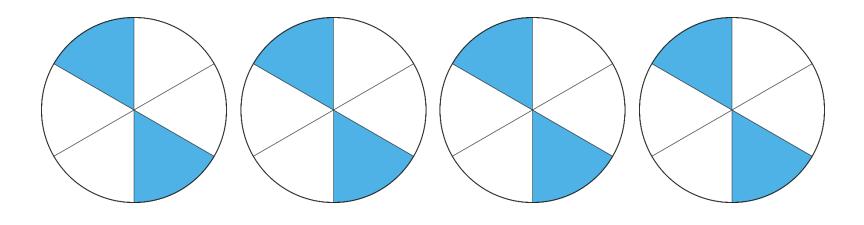
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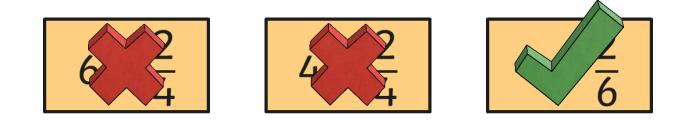






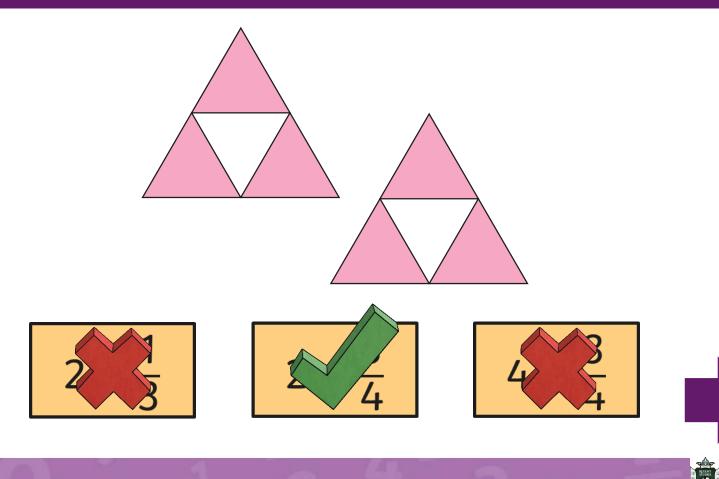




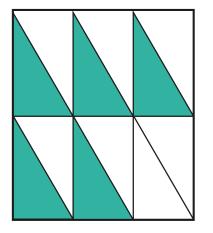


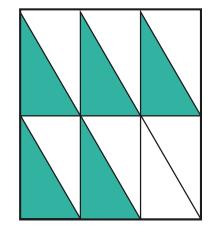


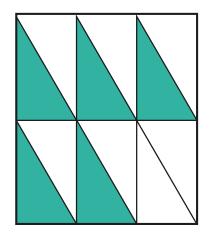


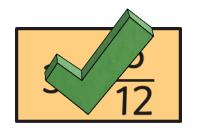




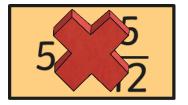




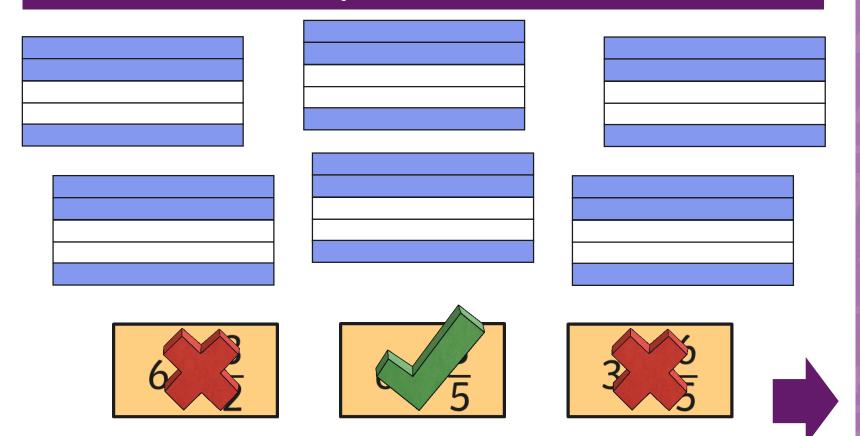






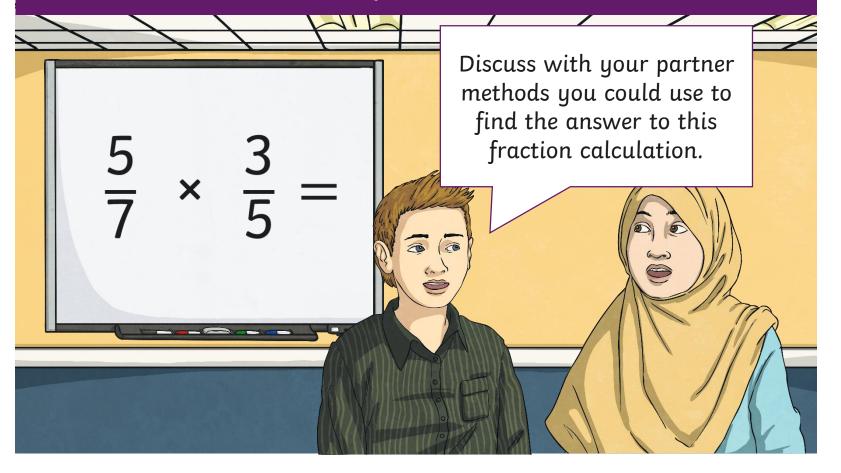








Look at this fraction calculation:







Method 1

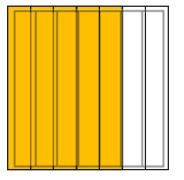


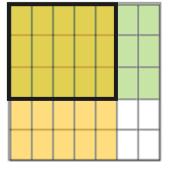


We can use a fraction multiplication bar model. It is helpful to substitute the word 'of' for the multiplication sign:

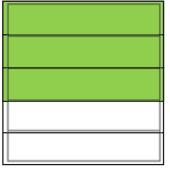
 $\frac{5}{7} \times \frac{3}{5}$ becomes $\frac{5}{7}$ of $\frac{3}{5}$

First, represent the fraction $\frac{5}{7}$ by dividing the bar **vertically**:





Now, represent the fraction $\frac{3}{5}$ by dividing the bar **horizontally**:



When we combine the two models, we can see that

$$\frac{5}{7}$$
 of $\frac{3}{5} = \frac{15}{35}$ which can be simplified to $\frac{3}{7}$

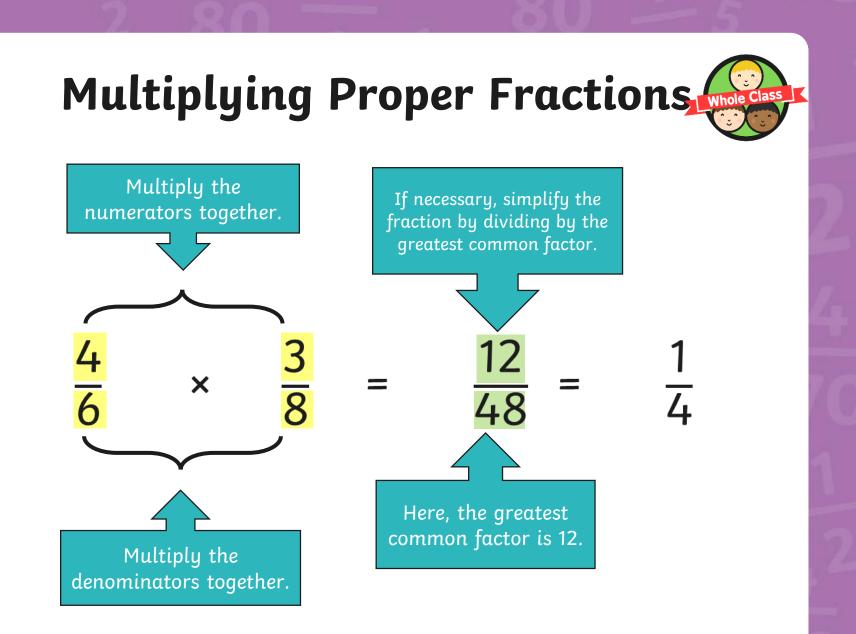




Method 2











Method 3





Use the butterfly method to simplify the fractions before multiplying:

Create the wings of the butterfly by looking at the diagonal numbers of the fractions and identifying if there are any common factors.

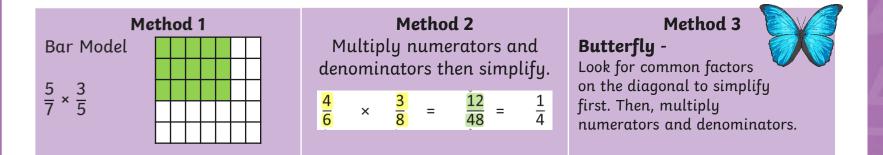
Finally, multiply the deniominators together.



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Solve these multiplying fraction problems using any of the methods:



$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{5} = \frac{3}{10} \qquad \frac{4}{9} \times \frac{2}{4} = \frac{2}{9} \qquad \frac{7}{10} \times \frac{2}{5} = \frac{7}{25}$



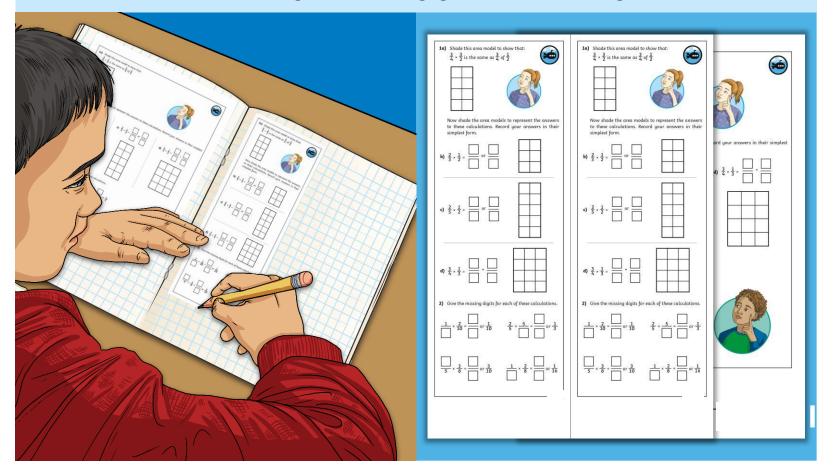
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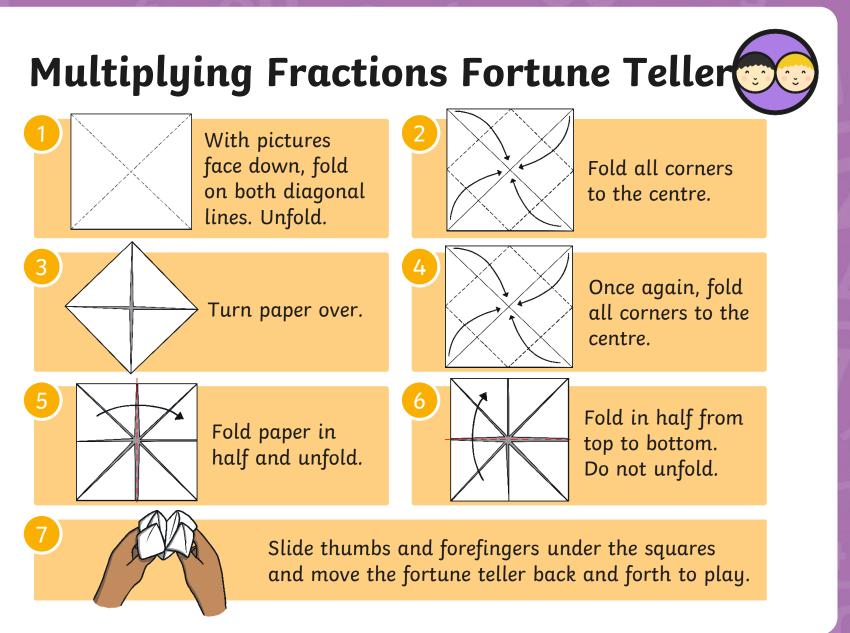


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