

**Subtract Fractions**

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Subtract:  $\frac{5}{6} - \frac{2}{8}$ 

Find the LCD of the fractions.

Multiples of 6: 6, 12, 18, **24**, . . .Multiples of 8: 8, 16, **24**, . . .

The LCD is 24.

Rename each fraction.

$$\frac{5}{6} = \frac{5 \times 4}{6 \times 4} = \frac{20}{24}$$

$$-\frac{2}{8} = \frac{2 \times 3}{8 \times 3} = \frac{6}{24}$$

Subtract. Then simplify.

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{20}{24} \\ - \frac{6}{24} \\ \hline \frac{14}{24} = \frac{7}{12} \end{array}$$

Find the LCD for each group of fractions below, then add. Be sure to simplify your answer.

1. 
$$\frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{8}$$

2. 
$$\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{9}$$

3. 
$$\frac{3}{4} - \frac{5}{12}$$

4. 
$$\frac{3}{7} - \frac{2}{5}$$

5. 
$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{16}$$

6. 
$$\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{9}$$

7. 
$$\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{3}$$

8. 
$$\frac{11}{12} - \frac{7}{12}$$

9. 
$$\frac{7}{8} - \frac{1}{4}$$

10. 
$$\frac{4}{5} - \frac{4}{10}$$

11.  $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{4}{9} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

12.  $\frac{5}{6} - \frac{4}{7} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

13.  $\frac{5}{6} - \frac{3}{5} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTRA CREDIT:** Solve for the variables in the equations below.

14.  $n + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{7}{8}$   
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15.  $z - \frac{2}{7} = \frac{3}{14}$   
\_\_\_\_\_

16.  $\frac{5}{9} = y + \frac{1}{3}$   
\_\_\_\_\_

17.  $\frac{1}{4} = x - \frac{1}{16}$   
\_\_\_\_\_

18.  $b - 2\frac{1}{3} = 2\frac{2}{3}$   
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19.  $h - 0 = \frac{1}{8}$   
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20.  $t - \frac{8}{9} = 8\frac{1}{9}$   
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21.  $\frac{3}{8} = a + \frac{5}{24}$   
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22.  $\frac{4}{7} = c + \frac{11}{21}$   
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**Problem Solving**

23. Patty lives
- $\frac{5}{8}$
- mile from school. Frank lives
- $\frac{3}{5}$
- mile from school. How much farther from school does Patty live?
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