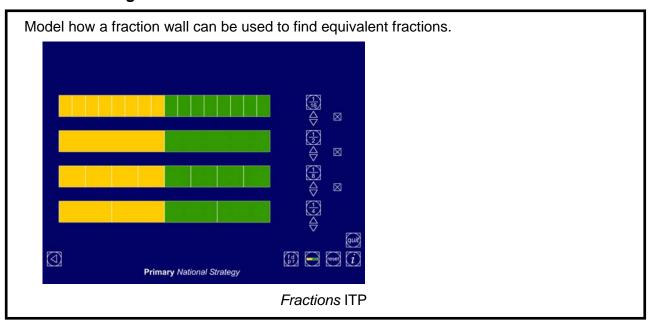
Can I find simple equivalent fractions?

Teaching guidance

Key vocabulary

numerator, denominator, fraction, proper/improper fraction, equivalent, reduced to, cancel

Models and images



Demonstrate how a multiplication board can be used to scale up fractions.

Discuss with children what needs to happen, to change ³/₄ into other equivalent fractions.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 30 |
| 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 | 24 | 28 | 32 | 36 | 40 |
| 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 |
| 6 | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 42 | 48 | 54 | 60 |
| 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 35 | 42 | 49 | 56 | 63 | 70 |
| 8 | 16 | 24 | 32 | 40 | 48 | 56 | 64 | 72 | 80 |
| 9 | 18 | 27 | 36 | 45 | 54 | 63 | 72 | 81 | 90 |
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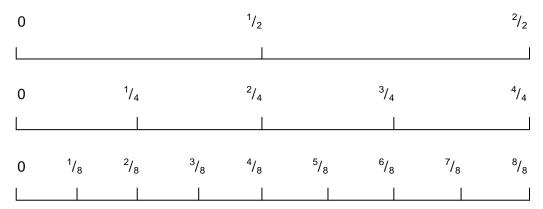
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Teaching tips

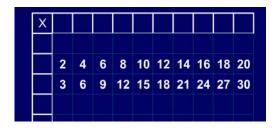
- Children need the opportunity to practise finding equivalent fractions by scaling simple fractions up or down.
- Use paper-folding to help establish equivalence; for example, fold a strip of 20 squares into quarters and colour ³/₄ of them to establish that ³/₄ is the same as 15 out of 20 or ¹⁵/₂₀.



- Focus on recognising the patterns in sets of equivalent fractions and making links between multiplication and division.
- Represent fractions on a number line. This can help show that the same point on the number line can have more than one label, for example, 1 could also be labelled as ²/₂, ³/₃, ⁴/₄, ⁵/₅.



• Use a multiplication grid or the *Multiplication board* ITP to investigate families of equivalent fractions.



• To consolidate understanding, play games with dominoes or cards that involve identifying and matching equivalent fractions.

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