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More with Dividing Fractions by Fractions

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Math Grades 6–8



Introduction

This lesson is the second in a series of lessons about dividing fractions by fractions, but the first about dividing fractions with unlike denominators.

Learning Objectives

<u>CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.6.NS.A.1</u>; Interpret and compute quotients of fractions, and solve word problems involving division of fractions by fractions, e.g., by using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem.

Materials Needed

· Copies of exit ticket

Procedure

Warm-up- Watch the video about dividing fractions found here.

- 1. Begin by reviewing the term reciprocal and the examples from the video. Do several examples on the board together of reciprocals like the example below.
 - · Fraction 7/8. Reciprocal 8/7
 - Fraction 1/4. Reciprocal 4/1
 - · Fraction 15/22. Reciprocal 22/15
- 2. Now practice rewriting division problems as multiplication problems with the examples below.
 - 4/7 ÷ 5/8 4/7 x 8/5
 - 3/10 ÷ 6/11 3/10 x 11/6
 - · 1/9 ÷ 11/14 1/9 x 14/11
 - · 13/20 ÷ 10/17 13/20 x 17/10
- 3. Then, put students in pairs and have them complete the following page together.

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Lesson Plan

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Problem	Rewrite as Multiplication	Answer
(circle the one that will be turned into the reciprocal)		
8 /9 ÷ 6/7		
13/22 ÷ 11/17		
2/9 ÷ 12/13		
9/13 ÷ 1/5		

^{4.} After students have had time to complete in groups, go over answers allowing students to share their answers if you choose.

Evaluation

For a formative assessment, have students complete the following exit ticket independently.

Problem	Rewrite as Multiplication	Answer
(Write your own problem – a fraction divided by a fraction. Circle the fraction that will be turned into the reciprocal.)	(Don't forget about the reciprocal.)	