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Modeling Addition and Subtraction of Mixed Numbers

Example 1: Draw a model to add $2\frac{5}{8} + 2\frac{1}{2}$.

Step 1 Rename the fractions as equivalent fractions with like denominators. $1\frac{1}{2} = 1\frac{4}{8}$ Model each mixed number using fraction strips.

1	1	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
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 $\frac{\frac{8}{8}}{\frac{2}{8}} = 1$

Step 2 Add the fractions. Regroup if you can.



Step 3 Add the whole numbers to the regrouped fractions. Write the sum. Simplify, if possible.

So, $2\frac{5}{8} + 2\frac{4}{8} = 5\frac{1}{8}$.



Example 2: Draw a model to subtract $2\frac{1}{5} - 1\frac{2}{5}$.

Step 1 Rename the fractions as equivalent fractions with like denominators. $1\frac{6}{10} = 1\frac{3}{5}$ Model the number you are subtracting from, $2\frac{1}{5}$.



Step 2 Rename $2\frac{1}{5}$ as $1\frac{6}{5}$. Cross out one whole and $\frac{3}{5}$ to show subtracting $\frac{3}{5}$.



Express the part of the model that is not crossed out as a fraction or mixed number. So, $2\frac{1}{5} - 1\frac{6}{10} = \frac{3}{5}$.

Use fraction strips to find each sum or difference. Simplify, if possible.

 1. $3\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{3}{4}$ 2. $5\frac{1}{3} + 4\frac{7}{8}$ 3. $6\frac{1}{4} + 1\frac{2}{3}$ 4. $8\frac{3}{4} + 1\frac{5}{6}$

 5. $5\frac{1}{3} - 4\frac{7}{8}$ 6. $6 - 2\frac{2}{3}$ 7. $4\frac{5}{6} - 2\frac{11}{12}$ 8. $8\frac{3}{4} - 2\frac{1}{6}$

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For **1** and **2**, use each model to find each sum or difference. Rename the fractions as equivalent fractions with like denominators.



Use fraction strips to find each sum or difference. Simplify, if possible.

- **3.** $4\frac{1}{8} + 3\frac{1}{3}$ **4.** $10\frac{3}{10} + 9\frac{4}{5}$ **5.** $4\frac{2}{3} 2\frac{1}{4}$ **6.** $6\frac{3}{8} 2\frac{1}{4}$ **7.** $5\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{5}$ **8.** $3\frac{2}{3} + 4\frac{1}{4}$ **9.** $6\frac{2}{10} - 3\frac{1}{5}$ **10.** $5\frac{1}{3} + 4\frac{1}{8}$
- **11.** Isabella's rain gauge showed $3\frac{4}{5}$ centimeters (cm) last Tuesday. This Tuesday, the rain gauge showed $5\frac{7}{10}$ centimeters. How many more centimeters of rain fell during the week?

A $9\frac{1}{2}$ cm **B** $8\frac{1}{2}$ cm **C** $2\frac{4}{5}$ cm **D** $1\frac{9}{10}$ cm

12. You are adding $6\frac{3}{4} + 3\frac{2}{3}$ using fraction strips. Explain how you rename the fraction part of the sum.

Practice

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