

More Adding and Subtracting Mixed Numbers

You can use what you know about adding and subtracting with mixed numbers when you simplify expressions with mixed numbers.

Simplify $(4\frac{1}{8} + 6\frac{1}{4}) - 2\frac{1}{2}$.

Step 1 Add the mixed numbers in parentheses first. Find a common denominator.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4\frac{1}{8} + 6\frac{1}{4} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 4\frac{1}{8} + 6\frac{2}{8} = 10\frac{3}{8} \end{array}$$

Step 2 Subtract $2\frac{1}{2}$ from the sum you found. Find a common denominator.

$$\begin{array}{r} 10\frac{3}{8} - 2\frac{1}{2} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 10\frac{3}{8} - 2\frac{4}{8} \end{array} \quad \text{You can't subtract } \frac{4}{8} \text{ from } \frac{3}{8}.$$

Step 3 Rename if possible.

$$\begin{array}{r} 9\frac{11}{8} - 2\frac{4}{8} = 7\frac{7}{8} \end{array}$$

In **1** through **9**, simplify each expression. Remember to rename mixed numbers if possible.

1. $(12\frac{4}{7} + 2\frac{3}{14}) - 2\frac{6}{14}$

2. $(5\frac{1}{2} + 2\frac{3}{4}) - 3\frac{1}{2}$

3. $10\frac{5}{16} - (5\frac{1}{4} + 2\frac{9}{16})$

4. $\frac{6}{9} + \frac{5}{18} + 1\frac{3}{6}$

5. $1\frac{4}{10} + 1\frac{3}{20} + 1\frac{1}{5}$

6. $(3\frac{3}{8} - 1\frac{1}{5}) + 1\frac{7}{8}$

7. $1\frac{2}{12} + \frac{1}{6} + 7\frac{3}{4}$

8. $(1\frac{5}{8} + 3\frac{1}{4}) - 1\frac{20}{24}$

9. $5\frac{1}{4} + 7\frac{3}{20} + 1\frac{3}{4}$

- 10.** Suzy spent $6\frac{7}{8}$ days working on her English paper, $3\frac{1}{6}$ days doing her science project, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ days studying for her math test. How many days more did Suzy spend on her English paper and math test than on her science project?

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In **1** through **16**, simplify each expression.

1. $2\frac{1}{8} + 4\frac{2}{3}$ 2. $9\frac{1}{6} - 3\frac{2}{9}$ 3. $8\frac{1}{4} - 6\frac{5}{8}$ 4. $6\frac{4}{5} + 5\frac{3}{10}$
5. $(3\frac{1}{2} + 8\frac{2}{3}) - 3\frac{5}{6}$ 6. $(14\frac{1}{6} - 4\frac{5}{9}) + 1\frac{7}{18}$ 7. $7\frac{7}{12} + (3\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{7}{8})$
8. $(10\frac{1}{4} - 5\frac{5}{8}) - 1\frac{3}{8}$ 9. $100\frac{3}{10} - 60\frac{2}{3} - 5\frac{2}{15}$ 10. $25\frac{3}{8} - (10\frac{4}{5} + 5\frac{7}{8})$
11. $(2\frac{2}{3} + 4\frac{5}{6}) + 3\frac{3}{8}$ 12. $(30\frac{1}{9} + 4\frac{1}{3}) - 19\frac{5}{6}$ 13. $7\frac{2}{3} + (5\frac{1}{6} - 1\frac{5}{9})$
14. Which shows three mixed numbers that have sum of 10?
- A $1\frac{2}{3} + 3\frac{5}{12} + 4\frac{3}{4}$ C $2\frac{3}{8} + 5\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{1}{4}$
- B $3\frac{1}{3} + 3\frac{1}{4} + 3\frac{5}{12}$ D $5\frac{1}{4} + 1\frac{7}{8} + 3\frac{7}{8}$
15. What is a reasonable estimate for the sum of $4\frac{1}{8} + 3\frac{2}{3} + 5\frac{1}{2}$?

16. Veronica is buying cubed cheese from Mr. Sand's deli. She asks for $1\frac{3}{4}$ pounds. When Mr. Sand places some cheese in a container and weighs it, the scale shows $1\frac{1}{4}$ pounds. The container weighs $\frac{1}{16}$ pound. How many more pounds of cheese would Mr. Sand need to add to the scale to get the amount that Veronica asked for? Explain how you solved the problem.
