N5 Maths: Adding Fractions



Study this example

$$3\frac{7}{10} + 2\frac{11}{15}$$

← The common denominator is the lowest common multiple of 10 and 15.

$$= 3\frac{21}{30} + 2\frac{22}{30}$$

= $3\frac{21}{30} + 2\frac{22}{30}$ \leftarrow The 1st fraction is ×3 top and bottom. The 2nd fraction is ×2 top and bottom.

$$=5\frac{43}{30}$$

 \leftarrow Add the whole numbers: 3 + 2 = 5. Then add the numerators: 21 + 22 = 43.

$$=6\frac{13}{30}$$

= $6\frac{13}{30}$ $\leftarrow \frac{30}{30}$ = 1 so add 1 to the whole number and subtract $\frac{30}{30}$ from the fraction.

Finally, make sure that your answer is fully simplified. In this example, it is.

Q1 Simple questions with no whole numbers. Always simplify your final answer.

a)
$$\frac{3}{8} + \frac{4}{8}$$

b)
$$\frac{5}{8} + \frac{3}{8}$$

c)
$$\frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{2}$$

d)
$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$$

e)
$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{3}{4}$$

f)
$$\frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{6}$$

Q2 In these questions, the fractions will add to an improper fraction, so you will need to convert $\frac{10}{10}$, $\frac{12}{12}$, $\frac{20}{20}$ etc to the whole number 1. Always simplify your final answer fully.

a)
$$\frac{9}{10} + \frac{7}{10}$$

b)
$$1\frac{3}{4} + 2\frac{2}{3}$$

c)
$$2\frac{4}{5} + 3\frac{3}{4}$$

d)
$$3\frac{5}{6} + 2\frac{1}{2}$$

e)
$$4\frac{3}{4} + 1\frac{4}{7}$$

f)
$$4\frac{11}{14} + 3\frac{1}{4}$$

g)
$$1\frac{7}{8} + \frac{1}{4}$$

h)
$$\frac{7}{10} + 2\frac{3}{5}$$

i)
$$1\frac{7}{12} + 2\frac{5}{8}$$

Q3 Mixed question types. Always give your answer in its lowest terms.

a)
$$1\frac{1}{2} + 2\frac{1}{2}$$

b)
$$\frac{2}{5} + 3\frac{3}{10}$$

c)
$$2\frac{5}{8} + \frac{2}{9}$$

d)
$$2\frac{7}{9} + 3\frac{5}{6}$$

e)
$$4\frac{7}{18} + 1\frac{5}{9}$$

$$f) \quad 2\frac{5}{8} + 2\frac{3}{4}$$

g)
$$3\frac{2}{9} + 1\frac{11}{12}$$

h)
$$5\frac{1}{4} + 6\frac{3}{7}$$

i)
$$1\frac{5}{12} + 4\frac{1}{7}$$

j)
$$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8}$$

k)
$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}$$

1)
$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4}$$

m)
$$\frac{2}{7} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}$$

n)
$$1\frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{12}$$

o)
$$4\frac{23}{75} + 1\frac{3}{25}$$

p)
$$3\frac{11}{20} + 2\frac{3}{50}$$

q)
$$7\frac{5}{12} + 8\frac{41}{60}$$

r)
$$6\frac{13}{15} + 7\frac{5}{8}$$