Singapore Math with Teacher Charlotte

P3 Singapore Math Fractions Word Problems 2

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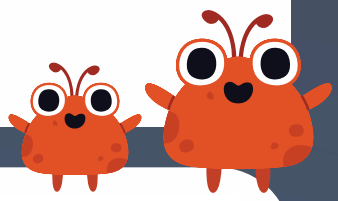
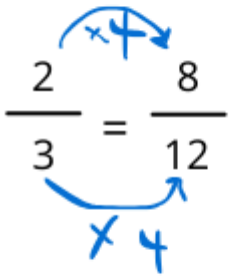
Learning Goal:

- Make the fractions equivalent
- Decide whether to add or subtract - up to 2 steps
- Ensure that final answers are written in the simplest form



Example:

Wen Wen, Sienna and Mina ate a cake. Wen Wen ate $\frac{2}{3}$ of the cake. Sienna ate $\frac{1}{12}$ of the cake. Mina ate the rest of the cake. What fraction of the cake did Mina eat?



1. Make the fractions equivalent
   - Multiply the numerator and denominator by the same number. Think: 3 x ___ = 12
   - We choose to make the denominator to 12 so that both fractions can have the same denominator.

$$\frac{1}{12} + \frac{8}{12} = \frac{9}{12}$$

2. Add the fractions
   - To find out the total parts that Wen Wen and Sienna have eaten

$$\frac{12}{12} - \frac{9}{12} = \frac{3}{12}$$

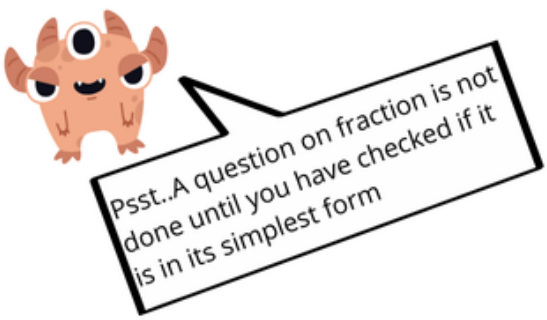
$$= \frac{1}{4}$$

3. Subtract it from 1 whole to find the rest of the cake that Mina ate
   - In this case, $1 = \frac{12}{12}$
4. Simplify the final answer,

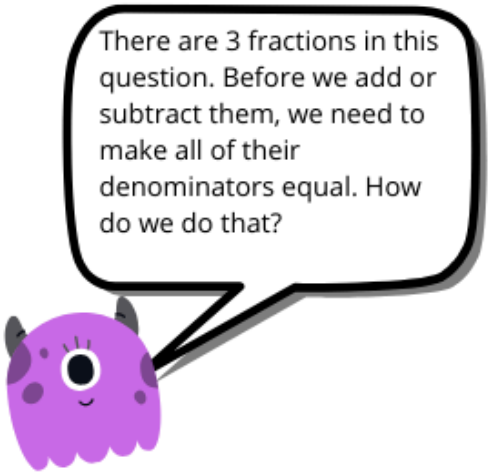
Mina ate $\frac{1}{4}$ of the cake.

1. Boonperm's cat chewed $\frac{4}{7}$ of his book this morning. Later on, his dog tore $\frac{2}{21}$ of the book. What fraction of the book was left?

2. $\frac{1}{6}$ of the seashells collected at home belonged to Tinn. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the seashells belonged to his brother, Tul. The rest belonged to their sister. What fraction of the seashells belonged to their sister?



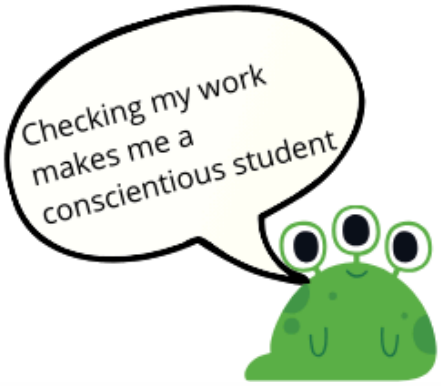
3. $\frac{2}{3}$ of the cars at the car park near Mega Bangna were red. $\frac{1}{6}$ of the cars in the same car park were blue. Black cars comprised of $\frac{1}{12}$ of them. What fraction of the cars in the car park were red, blue and black altogether?



4. In a village, $\frac{3}{5}$ of the houses were occupied by Thais. $\frac{2}{15}$ of the houses were occupied by foreigners. The rest were unoccupied.

a) What fraction of the village was occupied?

b) What fraction of the village was not occupied?



ANSWER KEY

1. $\frac{4}{7} = \frac{12}{21}$

$\frac{12}{21} + \frac{2}{21} = \frac{14}{21}$

$\frac{21}{21} - \frac{14}{21} = \frac{7}{21}$

$= \frac{1}{3}$

or

$\frac{21}{21} - \frac{12}{21} = \frac{9}{21}$

$\frac{9}{21} - \frac{2}{21} = \frac{7}{21}$

$= \frac{1}{3}$

$\frac{1}{3}$ of the book was left.

2. $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{6}$ (Tul)

$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{3}{6} = \frac{4}{6}$

$\frac{6}{6} - \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{6}$

$= \frac{1}{3}$

or

$\frac{6}{6} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$

$\frac{5}{6} - \frac{3}{6} = \frac{2}{6}$

$= \frac{1}{3}$

$\frac{1}{3}$ of the seashells belonged to their sister.

ANSWER KEY

3. $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{12}$ (red)

$\frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{12}$ (blue)

$\frac{8}{12} + \frac{2}{12} = \frac{10}{12}$

$\frac{10}{12} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{11}{12}$

$\frac{11}{12}$ of the cars were red, blue and black altogether.

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4. $\frac{3}{5} = \frac{9}{15}$ (Thais)

$\frac{9}{15} + \frac{2}{15} = \frac{11}{15}$

a) $\frac{11}{15}$ of the village was occupied.

$\frac{15}{15} - \frac{11}{15} = \frac{4}{15}$

b) $\frac{4}{15}$ of the village was not occupied.