

Adding fractions ②

1 Olivia walks $2\frac{1}{4}$ km on Monday. On Tuesday she walks $1\frac{3}{8}$ km.

How far does she walk in total?



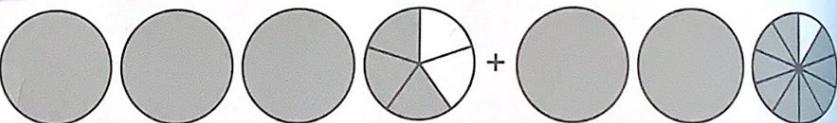
Add the wholes: $2 + 1 = \boxed{3}$

Find a common denominator: $\frac{1}{4} = \frac{\boxed{2}}{8}$

Add the parts: $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{\boxed{2}}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = \boxed{\frac{5}{8}}$

Olivia walks $\boxed{3}$ $\boxed{\frac{5}{8}}$ km in total.

2 Work out $3\frac{3}{5} + 2\frac{9}{10}$.



Add the wholes:



$$\boxed{3 + 2 = 5}$$

Find a common denominator: $\frac{3}{5} = \frac{\boxed{6}}{10}$

Add the parts: $\frac{3}{5} + \frac{9}{10}$

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{\cancel{3}^{\times 2} \cancel{10}^{\times 2} 6}{\cancel{5}^{\times 2} \cancel{10}^{\times 2} 10} = \frac{6}{10}$$



$$\frac{6}{10} + \frac{9}{10} = \frac{15}{10} = 1\frac{5}{10} = \boxed{1\frac{1}{2}}$$

So, $3\frac{3}{5} + 2\frac{9}{10} = \boxed{6\frac{1}{2}}$
or
 $6\frac{5}{10}$

$$5 + 1\frac{1}{2} = 6\frac{1}{2}$$

- 3 a) Work out $1\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6}$.



$$1\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} = \boxed{1\frac{4}{6}} \text{ or } \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$$

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Add wholes

$$1 + 0 = 1$$

Add the parts:

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} =$$

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

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

- b) Work out $\frac{7}{12} + 3\frac{2}{3}$.



Add wholes

$$3 + 0 = 3.$$

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

Add parts:

$$\frac{7}{12} + \frac{2}{3} =$$

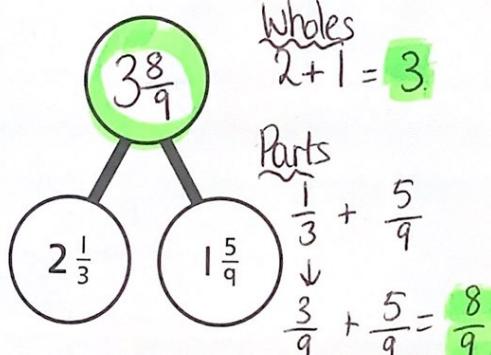
$$\frac{7}{12} + \frac{8}{12} = \frac{15}{12} = 1\frac{3}{12} = 1\frac{1}{4}$$

- c) Explain why $2\frac{7}{12} + 1\frac{2}{3}$ is the same as the answer to part b).

If you move 2 wholes from $3\frac{2}{3}$ to $\frac{7}{12}$ it changes the calculation in b) to $2\frac{7}{12} + 1\frac{2}{3}$ but the total will remain the same.

- 4 Work out the missing value.

a)



b)

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$2\frac{1}{3}$	$4\frac{5}{9}$

$$\text{Wholes } 2 + 4 = 6$$

$$\text{Parts } \frac{1}{3} + \frac{5}{9} =$$

$$\frac{3}{9} + \frac{5}{9} = \frac{8}{9}$$

$$6 + \frac{8}{9} = 6\frac{8}{9}$$

What did you notice about the answer to part b)? Explain.

The fractional part is the same for both

questions, just the whole part is different.



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Part of the workings for adding two fractions are shown.

What could the two fractions be? Complete the answer.

$$3 + 5 = 8$$

$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{6} = \frac{4}{6} + \frac{5}{6}$$

$$= \frac{9}{6}$$

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

$$\frac{3}{6} = 1\frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{3} \quad \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{3} \quad \boxed{5} \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{r} \boxed{5} \\ \boxed{6} \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} \boxed{9} \quad \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{2} \end{array}$$

$$\text{or } 5\frac{2}{3} + 3\frac{5}{6} = 9\frac{1}{2}.$$

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What is the missing fraction?

$\downarrow \frac{10}{12}$ simplified

CHALLENGE

$$2\frac{3}{4} + \frac{\boxed{10}}{\boxed{12}} = 3\frac{7}{12} \quad \text{or} \quad 2\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{6} = 3\frac{7}{12}$$



$$2 + 0 = 2.$$

$$3\frac{7}{12} - 2 = 1\frac{7}{12} \rightarrow \frac{19}{12}.$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{9}{12} \rightarrow \frac{9}{12} + \frac{\boxed{10}}{\boxed{12}} = \frac{19}{12}.$$

Reflect

How can you use $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{5}{8}$ to work out $4\frac{1}{2} + 3\frac{1}{8}$?

- The fraction parts have already been added,
- so I can just add the whole parts. to make $7\frac{5}{8}$