Adding & Subtracting Fractions

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Directions: Add or subtract. Show your work and write each answer in simplest form. Write fractions greater than 1 as mixed numbers.

1. $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3}$

2. $\frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{4}$

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

4. $4\frac{1}{4} - 2\frac{2}{3}$

5. $\frac{7}{4} - \frac{2}{3}$

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Answer Key

Each solution rewrites the fractions with a common denominator first.

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

3/6 + 4/6 = 7/6 = 1 1/6

2. $\frac{10}{12} - \frac{3}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$

10/12 − 3/12 = 7/12

3. $1\frac{15}{20} + 2\frac{8}{20} = 4\frac{3}{20}$

1 15/20 + 2 8/20 = 3 23/20 = 4 3/20

4. $4\frac{3}{12} - 2\frac{8}{12} = 1\frac{7}{12}$

Borrow 1 whole: 4 3/12 = 3 15/12, so 3 15/12 − 2 8/12 = 1 7/12

5. $\frac{21}{12} - \frac{8}{12} = 1\frac{1}{12}$

21/12 − 8/12 = 13/12 = 1 1/12

Parent tip: accept equivalent answers, such as improper fractions in simplest form.

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