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Ordering Fractions

Learning Target

I can **order fractions from least to greatest and greatest to least** using models, number lines, and benchmarks like **0, $\frac{1}{2}$, and 1** to justify my reasoning.

Review and Model

When ordering fractions, ask:

✓ Do the fractions have the same denominator?

— If yes, compare the numerators.

✓ Do the fractions have different denominators?

— Compare them using:

- Equivalent fractions
- Visual models
- Number lines
- Benchmarks (0, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1)

Example:

Order **$\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{5}{6}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$** from **least → greatest**

Benchmark Close Fractions Reasoning

Close to 0 $\frac{1}{8}$ Much smaller than $\frac{1}{2}$

Close to $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Exactly $\frac{1}{2}$

Close to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{5}{6}$ Both greater than $\frac{1}{2}$, but $\frac{5}{6}$ is closer to 1

Final Order: $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{5}{6}$

Student Practice

Directions: For each set, order the fractions **from least to greatest**. Show your strategy (number line, benchmark, or equivalent fractions).

Set 1

$$\frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}$$

Ordered **least** → **greatest**:

Set 2

$$\frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{10}, \frac{7}{8}, \frac{1}{4}$$

Ordered **least** → **greatest**:

Set 3

$$\frac{9}{12}, \frac{5}{12}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{7}{12}$$

Ordered **least** → **greatest**:

Set 4

$$\frac{3}{4}, \frac{2}{6}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{1}{3}$$

Ordered **least** → **greatest**:

Challenge Round

Order the following fractions **from greatest to least**:

$$\frac{11}{12}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{7}{10}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{1}{2}$$

Ordered **greatest → least**:

Justify Your Thinking

Choose **one** set and explain **how you know the order is correct**. Use vocabulary from the word bank.

Word Bank: numerator, denominator, benchmark, number line, equivalent fraction, closer to 1, closer to 0, greater than, less than

My explanation:

Exit Ticket

Circle the correct answer.

Which fraction is **closest to 1**?

$$\frac{47}{68}, \frac{23}{54}$$