

# ADD AND SUBTRACT MIXED NUMBER WORD PROBLEMS

## HOMEWORK GRADE

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**Select the correct answer. Always simplify to find your lowest fraction.**

Example: Solve for the sum of  $2\frac{4}{8} + 2\frac{1}{4}$ .

Step 1: Set up your problem ->  $2\frac{4}{8} + 2\frac{1}{4} =$

Step 2: Turn your mixed numbers into improper fractions.

$$\begin{array}{c} + \\ \curvearrowright \\ 2\frac{4}{8} = \frac{20}{8} \\ \curvearrowleft \\ x \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c} + \\ \curvearrowright \\ 2\frac{1}{4} = \frac{9}{4} \\ \curvearrowleft \\ x \end{array}$$

Step 3: Rewrite the problem using the improper fraction

$$\frac{20}{8} + \frac{9}{4} =$$

Step 4: Find the LCM using the two denominators in order to find a common denominator

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & 8 & & 4 & \\ 8 & & & & 4 \\ 16 & & & & 8 \\ 24 & & & & 12 \\ 32 & & & & 16 \\ 40 & & & & 20 \end{array} \quad \text{LCM} = 8$$

1. Christian ran  $2\frac{6}{12}$  miles on Saturday. On Sunday he ran  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles. How many miles did Christian run over the weekend?

$3\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{9}{12}$	$3\frac{7}{16}$
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2. The garden light house has two levels with a total height of  $3\frac{4}{8}$  feet. The lantern structure is  $\frac{7}{8}$  of a foot. What is the height of the light house tower?



$4\frac{2}{8}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{5}{8}$
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Step 5: Change your denominators to 8 for the common denominator. Then change your numerator. Since  $\frac{20}{8}$  already has a denominator of 8, your numerator will not change. The fraction  $\frac{9}{4}$  needs to be changed, the 4 becomes 8 by being multiplied by 2, so the numerator 9 has to be multiplied by 2 to equal 18. Now solve!

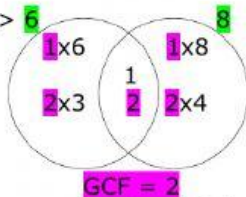
$$\frac{20}{8} + \frac{18}{8} = \frac{38}{8}$$

Step 6: Turn your improper fraction  $\frac{38}{8}$  back into a mixed number by dividing the numerator by the denominator.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \text{ R } 6 \\ 8 \overline{) 38} \\ \underline{-32} \phantom{0} \\ 6 \phantom{0} \end{array} = 4 \frac{6}{8}$$

Step 7: Simplify your answer by finding the GCF of your answer in step 1.

numerator -> 6 <- denominator



Step 8: Divided your numerator and denominator by the GCF. Keep your whole number the same.

$$\frac{6}{8} \div \frac{2}{2} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Final Answer:  $4 \frac{3}{4}$

3. The basketball hoop has two parts that makes up its height. The stand height is  $4 \frac{7}{10}$  feet. The backboard is  $2 \frac{4}{5}$  feet. What is the combined height of the two parts of the basketball hoop?



$7 \frac{5}{10}$	$6 \frac{11}{15}$	$7 \frac{1}{2}$
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4. Jasmine walked a total of  $4 \frac{1}{2}$  miles over the weekend. On Saturday she walked  $2 \frac{6}{8}$  miles. How many miles did Jasmine walk on Sunday?

$1 \frac{3}{4}$	$1 \frac{6}{8}$	$7 \frac{1}{4}$
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\* Remember – if your GCF = 1, then your fraction is in its simplest form, it stays the same.