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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.

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### 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:  $\frac{1}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{5}{6}$**

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### 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**:

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#### Set 2

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

Ordered **least** → **greatest**:

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#### Set 3

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

Ordered **least** → **greatest**:

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#### Set 4

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

Ordered **least** → **greatest**:

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### 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**:

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### 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:

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### Exit Ticket

Circle the correct answer.

Which fraction is **closest to 1**?

$$\frac{4723}{6854}$$