Lesson 8 Reteach

Divide Fractions

To divide by a fraction, multiply by its multiplicative inverse or reciprocal. To divide by a mixed number, rename the mixed number as an improper fraction.

Example

Find $3\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{2}{9}$. Write in simplest form.

$3\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{2}{9} = \frac{10}{3} \div \frac{2}{9}$ Rename $3\frac{1}{3}$ as an improper fraction.

$= \frac{10}{3} \cdot \frac{9}{2}$ Multiply by the reciprocal of $\frac{2}{9}$, which is $\frac{9}{2}$.

$= \frac{\overset{5}{\cancel{10}}}{\underset{1}{\cancel{3}}} \cdot \frac{\overset{3}{\cancel{9}}}{\underset{1}{\cancel{2}}}$ Divide out common factors.

$= 15$ Multiply.

Exercises
Divide. Write in simplest form.

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

2. $\frac{2}{5} \div \frac{5}{6}$

3. $-\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{5}$

4. $5 \div \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$

5. $\frac{5}{8} \div 10$

6. $7\frac{1}{3} \div 2$

7. $\frac{5}{6} \div 3\frac{1}{2}$

8. $36 \div 1\frac{1}{2}$

9. $-2\frac{1}{2} \div (-10)$

10. $5\frac{2}{5} \div 1\frac{4}{5}$

11. $6\frac{2}{3} \div 3\frac{1}{9}$

12. $4\frac{1}{4} \div \frac{2}{8}$

13. $4\frac{6}{7} \div 2\frac{3}{7}$

14. $12 \div \left(-2\frac{1}{2}\right)$

15. $4\frac{1}{6} \div 3\frac{1}{6}$