The Basics

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Good Habits!

#1: WRITE BIG!!!

Horizontally: long negative signs... *Vertically*: tall fractions and exponents Place a zero before decimal points, like: 0.5

#2: CHECK YOUR WORK! Every 3 lines, go back and make sure you would do the same thing again! Read the question again: answer the question.

Know Your Multiplication Tables!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

*Be able to count by 2's (odds, or evens), 3's, 5's, 9's, 10's... **Memorize the perfect squares; they are your friends!

Divisibility Tests

1: Duh!

2:Goes into *any* even number.
3: SDS* divisible by 3.
4: Divisible by 2, twice.
5: Ends in 5 or 0.
6: Even, & SDS divisible by 3.
7: Long division (sorry).
8: Divisible by 2, three times.
9: SDS *is* 9.
10: Ends in 0.

*<u>Single Digit Sum: add single digits</u> of any number together, repeat until a single digit is reached.

Prime Numbers*

There are exactly 10 *prime numbers between* 0 *and* 30:

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29

A "Prime number" is a number that has exactly 2 unique factors; therefore 1 is not a prime number. Also, 2 is the only even prime number.

*Prime numbers tell us when we can STOP factoring!

<u>Real Numbers</u> (*R*)

N NATURAL numbers - numbers used naturally in counting:1, 2, 3,...

- W WHOLE numbers natural numbers and zero:
- Z INTEGERS whole numbers and their negatives: ...-2, -1, 0, 1, 2,...
- *Q* <u>*RATIONAL*</u> numbers <u>ratios</u> of integers; always have terminating or repeating decimals: $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-2}{3} = 0.5, -0.666$
- **Q'** IRRATIONAL numbers all other real numbers; always have non-terminating and non-repeating decimals: π , e, $\sqrt{2}$,...



0, 1, 2, 3,...

FRA division problems	$\frac{\mathbf{DECIMALS}}{1/2} = 0.5$		
<u>Adding</u> The only problem is: "Are	e you <u>adding</u> or <u>multiplying</u> ?" <u>Multiplying</u>	$ \begin{array}{rcl} 1/3 &=& 0.33\\ 2/3 &=& 0.66\\ 1/4 &=& 0.25 \end{array} $	
<i>To <u>add</u> fractions all you need is a common denominator.</i>	To <u>multiply</u> fractions you don't even need that!	3/4 = 0.23 3/4 = 0.75 1/5 = 0.2	
$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{5}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{3} = \frac{10}{15} + \frac{12}{15} = \frac{22}{15} \leftarrow \text{ in ord}$	der to add, we must multiply! $\rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{\rightarrow 4}{\rightarrow 5} = \frac{8}{15}$	2/5 = 0.4 3/5 = 0.6 4/5 = 0.8	
because what you're given <u>guarantees</u> a <u>common</u> denominator every time.	You just need to be good at your multiplication tables!	$ \begin{array}{rcl} 4/3 &= & 0.3 \\ 1/8 &= & 0.125 \\ 3/8 &= & 0.375 \\ 5/8 &= & 0.625 \end{array} $	
*to subtract, add a negative.	*to divide, invert (flip) and multiply.	5/8 = 0.625 7/8 = 0.875	
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