## Finding the Simplest Fraction

Lesson 13

## In Focus



What are some fractions equal to $\frac{8}{12}$ ?


How will you know which fractions are equivalent to $8 / 12$ ? Shade the bars to find out.

## Let's Learn

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$\frac{8}{12}=\frac{2}{3}$

Using multiplication and division can you show a relationship between these two fractions?

What do you dive 8 by to get 2?
What do you divide 12 by to get 3 ?
What do you notice?

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\begin{array}{ll}
2 \times & =8 \\
3 \times & =12
\end{array}
$$



What do you notice?

We say $\frac{2}{3}$ is the simplest form of $\frac{8}{12}$.

## Guided Practice

(1) Glve three fractions that are equal to $\frac{6}{12}$.


How many columns are there? How many rows are there?

2 Write each fraction in its simplest form.
(a) $\frac{3}{12}=$

(b) $\frac{9}{12}=$


You can draw a picture to help you.
(c) $\frac{8}{12}=$ $\square$

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## Worksheet 13

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Write each fraction in its simplest form.

Can we put them into groups of 2?
(a)


$$
\frac{4}{10}=\frac{}{5}
$$

(b)


$$
\frac{6}{12}=\frac{\square}{6}=\frac{}{2}
$$

(c) $\frac{4}{8}=\frac{-}{2}$
(d) $\frac{6}{9}=\square$
(e) $\frac{4}{12}=\frac{-}{6}=\frac{\square}{3}$
(f) $\frac{3}{6}=\square$

More practice

## Simplifying_Fractions

Examples:
1.

2.
 $\frac{20}{50}=\frac{4}{10} \underbrace{\frac{2}{5}}_{\div 5}$

Simplify the following fractions in your book using the method shown above,:

1. $\frac{2}{4}$
2. $\frac{35}{40}$
3. 

$\frac{3}{6}$
4. $\frac{18}{20}$
5. $\frac{4}{36}$
6. $\frac{5}{35}$
7. $\frac{3}{30}$
8. $\frac{44}{48}$
9. $\frac{2}{4}$
10.
$\frac{10}{45}$
11. $\frac{6}{14}$
12. $\frac{4}{28}$
13. $\frac{5}{15}$
14. $\frac{4}{32}$
15.
$\frac{25}{60}$

## ANSWERS - SEE BELOW

## Guided Practice

(1) Give three fractions that are equal to $\frac{6}{12}$.

$\frac{3}{6}, \frac{2}{4}, \frac{1}{2}$
(2) Write each fraction in its simplest form.
(a) $\frac{3}{12}=\frac{1}{4}$
(b) $\frac{9}{12}=\frac{3}{4}$
(c) $\frac{8}{12}=\frac{2}{3}$
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## Worksheet 13

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Write each fraction in its simplest form.
(a)


$$
\frac{4}{10}=\frac{2}{5}
$$

(b)

$\frac{6}{12}=\frac{3}{6}=\frac{1}{2}$
(c) $\frac{4}{8}=\frac{1}{2}$
(d) $\frac{6}{9}=2 / 3$
(a) $\frac{4}{12}=\frac{2}{6}=\frac{1}{3}$
(f) $\frac{3}{6}=1 / 2$

