

Compare and Order Fractions

The three fractions $\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and $\frac{2}{6}$ are arguing about who is the largest.

You can settle the argument by finding a common multiple for the denominators.

Step 1

Find the product of all three denominators.

$$3 \times 4 \times 6 = 72$$

72 is a common multiple.

Use it for the denominator.

Step 2

Rename each fraction so that 72 is the denominator.

$$\frac{2\times24}{3\times24} = \frac{48}{72}$$

$$\frac{3\times18}{4\times18} = \frac{54}{72}$$

$$\frac{2 \times 12}{6 \times 12} = \frac{24}{72}$$

Step 3

Compare the numerators. Put them in order from least to greatest.

$$\frac{24}{72} < \frac{48}{72} < \frac{54}{72}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$\frac{2}{6} < \frac{2}{3} < \frac{3}{4}$$

So, $\frac{3}{4}$ is the largest fraction.

Find the product of the denominators.

1.
$$\frac{2}{5}$$
, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{5}{7}$

2.
$$\frac{2}{9}$$
, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{2}$

3.
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{1}{8}$

Rename the fractions by using a common denominator.

4.
$$\frac{2}{5}$$
, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{5}{7}$

5.
$$\frac{2}{9}$$
, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{2}$

6.
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{1}{8}$

Compare and order from least to greatest.

7.
$$\frac{2}{5}$$
, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{5}{7}$

8.
$$\frac{2}{9}$$
, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{2}$

9.
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{1}{8}$