

Addition and Subtraction

What is addition?

- **Addition** means move to the _____ on the number line.

What is subtraction?

- **Subtraction** means move to the _____ on the number line.

Recall: Adding a negative number is the same as _____ the opposite of that number.

Example 1:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{3 + (-4)} \\ & = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ & = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{aligned}$$

Recall: Subtracting a negative number is the same as _____ the opposite of that number.

Example 2:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{-4 - (-5)} \\ & = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ & = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{aligned}$$

Recall: when adding and subtracting terms, they must be like terms.

Example 3:

$$-\frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{3}$$

We must find the lowest common denominator (the LCD).

$$\text{LCD} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &-\frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \\ &= -\frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2}{2}\right) \\ &= -\frac{5}{6} + \frac{2}{6} \\ &= \frac{-5+2}{6} \\ &= -\frac{3}{6} \\ &= \boxed{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Example 4:

$$\frac{5}{8} - \left(-\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

LCD = _____

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5}{8} - \left(-\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) &= \frac{5}{8} - \left(-\frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{2}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4}{4} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{5}{8} - \left(-\frac{6}{8} - \frac{4}{8} \right) \\ &= \frac{5}{8} - \left(-\frac{10}{8} \right) \\ &= \frac{5}{8} + \frac{10}{8} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{15}{8}} \end{aligned}$$

Recall: The word **sum** indicates **addition**.

The word **difference** indicates **subtraction**.

Example 5:

Write the numerical expression for the phrase the sum of **5**, **-3** and **-7** and then simplify.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} 5 + (-3) + (-7) \\ &= 5 - 3 - 7 \\ &= 2 - 7 \\ &= \boxed{-5} \end{aligned}$$

Example 6:

Write a numerical expression for the phrase the difference of **7** and **-10** and then simplify.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} 7 - (-10) \\ &= 7 + 10 \\ &= \boxed{17} \end{aligned}$$

NOTE: Order is important!

1. Evaluate: $4 - (-7) + (-3)$

2. Evaluate: $-\frac{3}{2} - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(-\frac{5}{6}\right)$

3. Write a numerical expression for each phrase and simplify:

a) **4** more than the sum of **-8** and **-3**.

b) **12** less than the difference of **7** and **-6**.