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 MATHS: Fractions and inequalities

Maths

Fractions and inequalities

It is not necessary to carry out all the activities contained in this unit. Please see *Teachers' Notes* for explanations, additional activities, and tips and suggestions.

Theme	Fractions and inequalities	
All students: Activities that are suitable for Learning Support, Language Support and the Mainstream Subject Class include:	Keywords	3
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Levels for Language Support	A1 – B1 The language level of each activity is indicated in an information box.	
Learning focus	Using Maths textbooks and accessing curriculum content and learning activities.	
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Note: The categorisation of activities is indicative only and should not prevent teachers from using any activities that are considered suitable for a particular group of students.

Making the best use of these units

Learning Record

A copy of the Learning Record should be distributed to each learning support and language support student.

Students should:

1. Write the subject and topic on the record.
2. Tick off/date the different statements as they complete activities.
3. Keep the record in their files along with the work produced for this unit.
4. Use this material to support mainstream subject learning.

Introduction of a topic or activity should ensure that students understand **what** they are doing and **why**. Many students will have some difficulty in understanding both the language in the activity and the instructions/purpose for carrying out the activity.

You can create your **personal teaching resource** by printing these units in full and filing them by subject in a large ring binder.

Encourage students to:

- Bring the relevant **subject textbooks** to learning/language support class. It does not matter if they have different textbooks as the activities in these units refer to vocabulary and other items that will be found in all subject textbooks. These units are based on curriculum materials.
- Take some **responsibility for their own learning** programmes by:



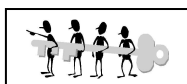
Developing a **personal dictionary** for different subjects, topics, and other categories of language, on an on-going basis. This prompt is a reminder.



Recording what they have learnt on the **Learning Record**, which should be distributed at the start of each unit.



Keeping their own **files** with good examples of the work produced for different subjects and topics. This file will be an invaluable **learning resource** in supporting mainstream learning.



Indicates that answers may be found at the end of the unit.

Don't forget that many of the activities in these units are also suitable as **homework** tasks or for **self-study**.

Keywords

The list of keywords for this unit is as follows:

Nouns

answer
calculator
decimal place
decimal point
decimals
denominator
direction
equations
error
estimation
example
fraction
inequalities
LCM (Lowest Common Multiple)
line
multiple (*noun*)
notation
number line
number/numbers (no/nos)
problem
questions
real numbers
shaded line
type
value
whole numbers

Verbs

to add
to change
to complete
to evaluate
to find
to graph
to include
to multiply
to rewrite
to shade
to show
to simplify
to solve

to subtract
to use

must

Adjectives

appropriate
both
common
correct
decimal
exact
exactly
important
lowest
multiple (adjective)
negative
normal
positive
real
shaded
whole

Adverb

always
when

Other

hence = so = therefore
both sides
the same manner
the same way

Symbols

= equals
+ plus
≤ less than or equal to
< less than
≥ greater than or equal to
> greater than
→ goes to

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Vocabulary file 1

Word	Meaning	Note or example*
inequalities		
line		
complete		
rewrite		
simplify		
negative		
numbers		

*You may wish to write a sentence or phrase, make a note of the page in your textbook where this word appears or, if English is not your first language, provide a translation into your language.



Get your teacher to check this and then file it in your folder so you can use it in the future.

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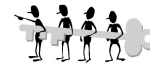
Vocabulary file 2

Word	Meaning	Note or example
denominator		
shaded		
whole		
type		
value		
graph		
subtract		



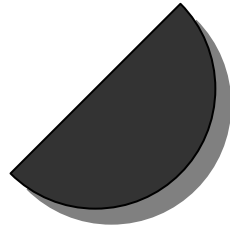
Get your teacher to check this and then file it in your folder so you can use it in the future.

Language Level: A1
Type of activity: pairs or individual
Suggested time: 10 minutes

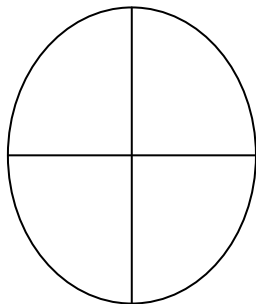


Working with words

1. Tick the correct answer



- a) this is a third ($\frac{1}{3}$)
- b) this is a half ($\frac{1}{2}$)
- c) this is two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$)
- d) this is a whole



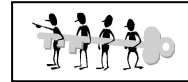
- a) this is a divided into thirds
- b) this is a divided into quarters
- c) this is a divided into sixths
- d) this is a divided in half

2. Find these words in your textbook.

Write your own explanation for these words. Then write a note or example to help you remember the word. Use your dictionary if necessary.

Word	Page in textbook	Explanation	Note or example
fraction			
shaded			
unshaded			
value			

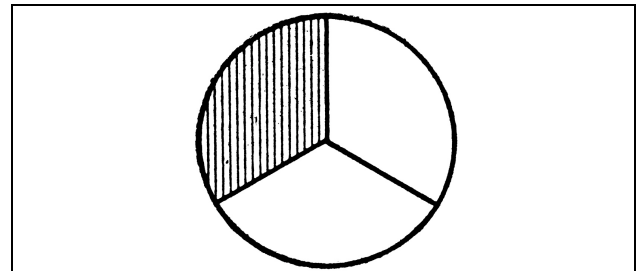
Language Level: A1
Type of activity: pairs or individual
Suggested time: 20 minutes



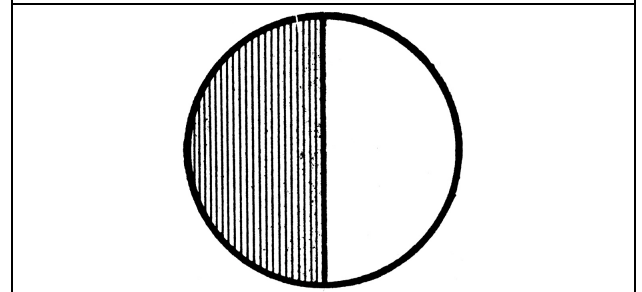
Picture Sentences

1. Tick the correct answer

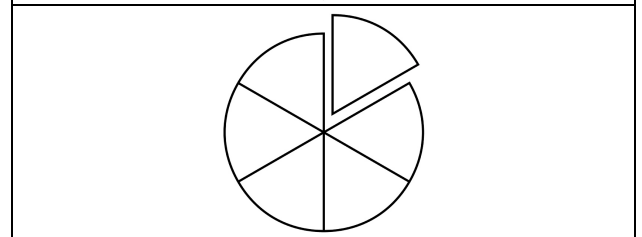
- a) This is a third.
- b) This is a sixth.
- c) This is a half.



- a) This is an eighth.
- b) This is a quarter.
- c) This is a half.



- a) This is two thirds.
- b) This is five eights.
- c) This is a sixth.



2. Put these words in the correct order to form sentences.

shaded the part is $\frac{1}{4}$

unshaded $\frac{3}{4}$ is the part

$\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ examples are fractions of and

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Type of activity: pairs or individual
Suggested time: 20 minutes



Odd One Out

1. Circle the word which does not fit with the other words in each line.

Example: *apple orange banana taxi*

numbers bread real fractions

denominators green common lowest

add subtract multiply eat

leaves negative positive fractions

2. Find these words in your textbook. Then put them in short sentences in your own words. Use a dictionary if necessary.

to complete _____

to evaluate _____

to graph _____

to solve _____

to rewrite _____



Check that these key words are in your personal dictionary.

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Type of activity: individual
Suggested time: 20 minutes



Maths Keywords

1. Fill in the missing letters of the keywords listed below.

On the line next to the keywords, write down whether this word is a noun, an adjective or a verb.

ne__ti_e _____

su__ra_t _____

ine__alit_es _____

fra__i_ns _____

2. Write as many words as possible related to **percentages / this unit**.

You have 3 minutes!

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Type of activity: pairs or individual
Suggested time: 20 minutes



Unscramble the letters

1. When a number in Maths is greater than zero STOVIIPE

Answer _____

2. Numbers that are not of the same value LIUAEINTIQES

Answer _____

3. A part of a number NACFIRTO

Answer _____

4. Take one number away from another number BSCUTRAT

Answer _____



Solve the secret code

English=	A	C	E	F	I	N	O	R	S	T	U
Code=	B	X	Y	J	G	Q	P	D	L	K	W

example: (code) JGDLK = FIRST (English)

JDBXKGPQL BDY JWQ =

Language Level: A2/B1
Type of activity: pairs or individual
Suggested time: 30 minutes



Completing sentences

The sentences on this page are all instructions from your textbooks. Fill in the blanks in these sentences. Use words from the Word Box below.

1. Express the following _____ in their simplest form.
2. What fraction of each of the following _____ is shaded?
3. Copy the fractions and fill in the _____ numbers to make equivalent fractions.
4. Write each of the _____ fractions as an equivalent fraction with denominator 36.
5. _____ each of the improper fractions as mixed numbers.
6. _____ each of the following fractions to its simplest form.
7. Express each of these _____ as an improper fraction.
8. _____ each of these fractions in order of size.
9. _____ the operation and simplify your answer in each of the following.
10. Express 18 minutes as a fraction of an _____.

Word box

hour	perform	numbers	following	diagrams
fractions	reduce	missing	express	rewrite

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Multiple choice

Read the text below and choose the best answers.

SOLVING INEQUALITIES

Inequalities are solved in exactly the same way as normal equations except:

Important

When the x term is negative we must:

1. Change the sign on both sides of the inequality.
2. Change the direction of the inequality.

Example: $-3x \leq 6$, so $3x \geq -6$, so $x \geq -2$

Example 1

Solve $2(x + 1) \leq 10$, $x \in \mathbb{N}$ and graph on the appropriate number line.

$$2(x + 1) \leq 10$$

$$2x + 2 \leq 10$$

$$2x \leq 10 - 2$$

$$2x \leq 8$$

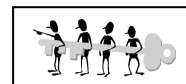
$$x \leq 4$$

1. Are inequalities solved the same way as normal equations?
 - a) yes, except when x is negative
 - b) yes, always
 - c) no
 - d) only in the summer
2. What should you do if x is negative?
 - a) wash your hands
 - b) change the sign on one side
 - c) rub your eyes
 - d) change the sign on both sides
3. What should you do in example 1?
 - a) nothing
 - b) multiply the equation
 - c) solve the equation
 - d) subtract
4. Should you change the direction of an inequality when x is negative?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
5. Should you graph the equation on the appropriate number line?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

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Suggested time: 30 minutes



Grammar points

Much many

1. Look at the two questions taken from your textbook:

An oil tank is $\frac{3}{4}$ full and holds 896 litres.

How many litres can the tank hold?

Alan spent $\frac{7}{8}$ of his money. If he had €100 left, how much money had he at first?

Why did we say **how many litres?** but **how much money?**

Discuss your answer with your teacher and other students. You can check your answer in the Answer key.

2. Look at the following pairs of words and divide them into two lists:

How much?

How many?

pills/medicine

bread/potatoes

work/jobs

time/hours

five euro notes/money

minutes/time

problems/trouble

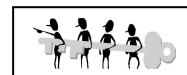
information/facts

reports/news

chairs/furniture

kisses/love

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Much/many continued.

3. The following are questions from your textbooks, complete with the word much or many.

- How _____ pupils live less than 6km from the school?
- How _____ tablets should be put into the bottle so that the weight would be $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total weight?
- Anne spent $\frac{5}{8}$ of her money and had €16.40 left. How _____ had she at first?
- How _____ $1\frac{1}{4}$ litre cartons of orange juice can be filled from a container holding 40 litres?
- Emer bought a three hour blank tape. She recorded $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour and $\frac{2}{3}$ of an hour on the tape. How _____ time was left?

4. Now it's your turn! Go to your maths textbook. Find 5 examples of questions with **how much** or **how many**. Rewrite the sentences with blanks instead of much/many. Swap your sentences with another student's and fill in one another's sentences.



5. Imagine your class or your family is going on a trip - a camping expedition. Make a list of all everything you need to bring with you (it will be more fun if you do this in pairs or small groups). There must be at least 12 items on your list! Show your list to other students. For each item on the list he or she must ask **how much?** or **how many?** of each item you are to bring.

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Alphaboxes

Using your textbook, find one word beginning with each of the letters of the alphabet. Write the word in the relevant box. You could also write the word in your own language.

a	b	c
d	e	f
g	h	i
j	k	l
m	n	o
p	q	r
s	t	u
v	w	xyz

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Play Snap

Make Snap cards with 2 sets of the same keywords. See *Notes for teachers* for ideas about how to use the cards.



fraction	fraction
decimal	decimal
simplify	simplify

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real	real
rewrite	rewrite
complete	complete

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negative	negative
numbers	numbers
lowest	lowest

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multiple	multiple
positive	positive
add	add

Answer key

Working with words, page 6

1. b,b

Picture sentences, page 7

1. a,c,c

2. The shaded part is $\frac{1}{4}$.

The unshaded part is $\frac{3}{4}$.

$\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ are examples of fractions..

Odd One Out, page 8

Bread, green, eat, leaves

Maths key words, page 9

negative (adjective), subtract (verb), inequalities (noun), fractions (noun)

Unscramble the letters, page 10

Received, profit, telephone, prepare

Secret Code: overheads are expensive

Completing Sentences, page 11

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Express each of the improper fractions as mixed numbers.

Reduce each of the following fractions to its simplest form.

Express each of these **numbers** as an improper fraction.

Rewrite each of these fractions in order of size.

Perform the operation and simplify your answer in each of the following.

Express 18 minutes as a fraction of an **hour**.

Multiple choice, page 12

1a,2d,3c,4a,5a

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Grammar points, page 13

1. We use **many** with a **countable** noun (a noun that can have a/an before it and can be used both in the singular and plural).

We use **much** with an **uncountable** noun (a noun that cannot have a/an before it and cannot be used in the plural).

2. How much medicine, bread, work, time, money, time, trouble, information, news, furniture, love.

How many pills, potatoes, jobs, hours, five euro notes, minutes, problems, facts, reports, chairs, kisses.

Grammar points, page 14

- How **many** pupils live less than 6km from the school?
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