

# Multiplying Fractions and Whole Numbers

You can find the product of a fraction and a whole number.

Tran needs  $\frac{2}{3}$  yard of fabric to sew a pair of shorts. How many yards of fabric will Tran need to sew 6 pairs of shorts?

**Step 1.** Multiply the numerator by the whole number.

$$2 \times 6 = 12$$

**Step 2.** Place the product over the denominator. Simplify if possible.

$$\frac{12}{3} = 4 \text{ yards of fabric}$$

Remember: In word problems, “of” means “multiply.”

Example:  $\frac{3}{5}$  of 15 =  $\frac{3}{5} \times 15$

In questions **1–4**, find each product. Simplify if possible.

1.  $\frac{1}{3} \times 60 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

2.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 32 = \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $\frac{7}{8} \times 40 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

4.  $\frac{2}{7}$  of 35 = \_\_\_\_\_

For questions **5–7**, use the table to the right.

5. What is  $\frac{1}{7}$  the speed of a cheetah? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is  $\frac{1}{5}$  the speed of a cat? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is  $\frac{1}{5}$  the speed of a jackal? \_\_\_\_\_

Animal	Speed (in mi/h)
Cat	30
Cheetah	70
Jackal	35

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Find each product.

1.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 96 = \_\_\_\_\_
2.  $\frac{4}{7}$  of 28 = \_\_\_\_\_
3.  $\frac{3}{4} \times 72 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
4.  $45 \times \frac{3}{9} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
5.  $56 \times \frac{7}{8} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
6.  $42 \times \frac{3}{7} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
7.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 118 = \_\_\_\_\_
8.  $\frac{3}{8}$  of 56 = \_\_\_\_\_
9.  $\frac{1}{10} \times 400 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
10.  $84 \times \frac{1}{6} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
11.  $64 \times \frac{5}{16} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
12.  $40 \times \frac{11}{20} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
13.  $\frac{5}{8}$  of 48 = \_\_\_\_\_
14.  $\frac{1}{7}$  of 77 = \_\_\_\_\_
15.  $\frac{4}{5} \times 90 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
16.  $42 \times \frac{3}{14} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
17.  $72 \times \frac{5}{8} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
18.  $18 \times \frac{2}{3} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
19.  $\frac{5}{6} \times 84 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
20.  $\frac{11}{12} \times 144 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
21.  $\frac{6}{7} \times 42 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

22. Complete the table by writing the product of each expression in the box below it. Use a pattern to find each product. Explain the pattern.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 32$	$\frac{1}{4} \times 32$	$\frac{1}{8} \times 32$	$\frac{1}{16} \times 32$

23. **Reasoning** If  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 is  $\frac{1}{2}$ , what is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 2, 3, and 4? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Which is  $\frac{2}{3}$  of 225?

**A** 75      **B** 113      **C** 150      **D** 450

25. **Explain It** Explain why  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 2 equals one whole.

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