## Explore Adding Fractions with Unlike Denominators



You can use fraction strips to find equivalent fractions before you add.

Add  $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{12}$ .

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Compare fourths to twelfths:

 $\frac{9}{12}$  is equivalent to  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

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9	12	12	12	12	12	12	1 12	12	12	12
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Add the twelfths.

So, 
$$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{12}$$
 is  $\frac{5}{6}$ .

$$\frac{9}{12} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{10}{12} = \frac{5}{6}$$

Add. You may use fraction strips to help you. Write each answer in simplest form.

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$$\frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{10} =$$
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$$2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{3} =$$

3. 
$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2} =$$

**4.** 
$$\frac{3}{12} + \frac{2}{6} =$$

**5.** 
$$\frac{2}{12} + \frac{1}{2} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

**6.** 
$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} =$$

7. 
$$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{8} =$$

**8.** 
$$\frac{4}{10} + \frac{1}{2} =$$

**9.** 
$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{12} = \frac{1}{2}$$

**10.** 
$$\frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{3} =$$
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**11.** 
$$\frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{2} =$$

**12.** 
$$\frac{1}{10} + \frac{3}{5} =$$

**13.** 
$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} =$$
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**14.** 
$$\frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{4} =$$

**15.** 
$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{9} =$$
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