

DIG INTO INTERVENTION: FRACTION EQUIVALENCE AND ORDERING SKILL BOOSTERS

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In this session, you will learn:

 How to design a short practice routines to fill gaps for skills related to fraction equivalence and ordering.

PHILOSOPHY

Skill Boosters allow students to work on "holes" in their background without losing ground on current topics.

- Focus on whole and rational numbers
- Use of visual representations of mathematical ideas
- Short intervals (about 10 minutes in each session) are more to achieve fluency than concentrated work on one topic.
- Explicit and systematic instruction

From a meta-analysis from the What Works Clearninghouse

HOW TO CREATE SKILL BOOSTERS

- I. Deconstruct into specific skills.
- 2. Create examples for each skill.
- 3. Make a pre/post assessment.
- 4. Create a schedule.
- 5. Write daily problems.
- 6. Establish an accountability plan.

DECONSTRUCT INTO FRACTION SKILLS

- Notation
- Fraction models
- Order fractions
- Equivalence with diagrams
- Equivalence with the "big 1"
- Equivalence with mixed numbers
- Number line applications

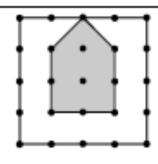
CREATE EXAMPLES FOR EACH FRACTION SKILL

Description	Problem prompts / examples
	Write 4 divided by 10 in three different ways
notation	Write 4/10 in three different ways
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	Write 10)4 in three different ways
	Draw a picture of ¼ using a set model.
fractions models	Draw a picture of ¼ using an area model.
	Draw a picture of ¼ using a linear model.
order fractions	Place 1/2, 1/3 and 3/4 on a number line. Explain reasoning.
	Show that 1/2 = 2/4 using a splitting diagram
equivalence with diagrams	Show 1/₂ = 2/4 using replicating diagram
	Shop 2/4 = 1/2 using a grouping diagram.
equivalence with "big 1"	Use the "big 1" to find n: 34 = n/12
equivalence with big i	Use the "big 1" write 24/28 in simplest form.
equivalence with mixed	Write 3 ¾ as the sum.
numbers	Write 3 ¾ as an improper fraction
Humbers	Write 8/3 as a mixed number and as a sum.
number lines	Locate 5 1/2 on a number line.
number mes	Locate -2 ¾ on a number line. (if pkt 14 is done earlier)

MAKE A PRE/POST FRACTION ASSESSMENT

8. If the large square is equal to one whole, what fraction does the shaded area represent?

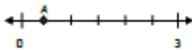
Fraction models



B.
$$\frac{3}{8}$$

9. What number does A represent?

Number line applications



C.
$$\frac{1}{3}$$

10. Which number is equivalent to 15?

Equivalence with mixed numbers

B.
$$1+\frac{5}{8}$$
 C. $1+\frac{6}{8}$ D. $1+\frac{7}{8}$

CREATE A SCHEDULE

Skills rotation: Each week students practice four of the skills daily.

5 weeks	Α	В	С	D (Whole numbers)		
Week 1	notation	fraction models	order fractions	mult by 10n, whole (add/subt)		
Week 2	equiv (diagram)	liagram) equiv (big 1) equiv (mixed #		identify factors, whole (mult)		
Week 3	notation	equiv (diag)	number lines	LCM/GCF whole (div)		
Week 4	equiv (big 1)	fraction models	order fractions	order of ops whole (mult)		
Week 5	number lines	equiv (mixed #)	order fractions	whole (div) number line		

WRITE DAILY PROBLEMS

Example (Week 1): Write problems on board. Students do work in a notebook or on a

provided template.

Wk 1	A	В	С	D (Whole numbers)		
Day 1	Write 3 divided by 12 in three different ways			Compute: 500 + 82 - 75		
Day 2	Write 12 divided by 4 in three different ways Draw 2/5 using a linear number line. Explain		Compute: 23 × 1000, 23 × 10			
Day 3	Write 4/10 in three different ways	Draw 5/9 using an area model	Place 34, 3/5, 3/8 on number line. Explain.	Compute: 10002 - 45		
Day 4	Wrote 15/2 in three different ways	Draw 1 2/3 using an area model.	Place 34, 7/8, 4/5 on number line. Explain.	Compute: 532 x 10,000		
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Same problem type daily for about a week

FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE

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Write daily problems for Week 2, etc...

ESTABLISH AN ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN

H	ePeriod		Week of		_
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List the skills worked on this week, and rank your comfort with the skill.			_		
	Skill	don't get It	kind of get it		
		1	2 2	3	
		1	2	3	
		1	2	3	
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CONSIDER A SELF-MONITORING COMPONENT

Skill	don't get it	kind of get it	really get i
notation	1	2	(3)
fraction models	1	2	(3)
order fractions	1	(2)	3
Whole number review	1	(2)	3

HANDOUT

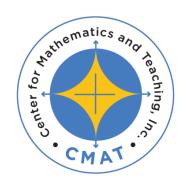
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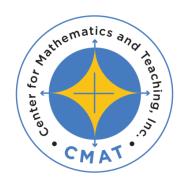
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