

Simplifying Rational Expressions

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$$\frac{a-6}{10a-60} = \frac{\cancel{a-6}}{10(\cancel{a-6})}$$
$$= \frac{1}{10}$$

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$$\frac{x^2 - 8x + 12}{x - 2} = \frac{(x-6)(\cancel{x-2})}{\cancel{x-2}} = x-6$$

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$$\frac{6b - 48}{b - 8} = \frac{6(\cancel{b-8})}{\cancel{b-8}} = \frac{6}{1}$$

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$$\frac{b^2 - 6b - 27}{b^2 - 11b + 18} = \frac{\cancel{(b-9)}(b+3)}{\cancel{(b-9)}(b-2)}$$
$$= \frac{b+3}{b-2}$$

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$$\frac{9k^2 - 63k}{k^2 + k - 56} = \frac{9k \cancel{(k-7)}}{\cancel{(k+8)}(k-7)}$$
$$= \frac{9k}{k+8}$$

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$$\frac{9n - 27}{9n - 30} = \frac{9(n-3)}{3(3n-10)} = \frac{3(n-3)}{(3n-10)}$$

$\rightarrow \frac{9}{3} \cdot \frac{(n-3)}{(3n-10)}$

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$$\frac{x^2 + 18x + 80}{x^2 + 11x + 10} = \frac{(x+10)(x+8)}{(x+10)(x+1)}$$
$$= \frac{x+8}{x+1}$$

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Multiply & Divide



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Simplify:

$$\frac{20}{24} = \frac{10}{12} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\frac{10}{3} \cdot \frac{6}{25} = \frac{60}{75} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\frac{20}{30} \div \frac{5}{4} = \frac{20}{\cancel{30}^2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = \frac{8}{15}$$



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Simplify:

$$\frac{x^2 + 5x - 6}{x^2 - 36}$$



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Simplify:

$$\frac{y^2 - 49}{y^2 - 8y + 7}$$



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Simplify:

$$\frac{9x^5}{5} \cdot \frac{6}{x^7} \cdot \frac{5x}{18} = \frac{270x^6}{90x^7}$$


$$\frac{3x^6}{x^7} = 3x^{-1} = \frac{3}{x}$$

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Simplify:

$$\frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 4x^2 \cdot 7}{4x^2 \cdot 21 \cdot 24x^4} = \frac{168x^3}{336x^7}$$


$$\frac{1x^3}{2x^7} = \frac{1}{2x^4}$$

$$\frac{1}{2x^4}$$

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Simplify: $\frac{x+1}{x^2+2x-3} \cdot \frac{x^2+x-6}{x^2-2x-3}$

$$\frac{\cancel{x+1} \quad \cancel{(x+3)}(x-2)}{\cancel{(x+3)}(x-1) \quad (x-3)\cancel{(x+1)}}$$

$$\frac{x-2}{(x-1)(x-3)}$$

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Simplify: $\frac{x^2+4x-12}{x^2+11x+30} \cdot \frac{x^2-2x-35}{x+4}$

$$\frac{\cancel{(x+6)}(x-2) \quad (x-7)\cancel{(x+5)}}{\cancel{(x+6)}\cancel{(x+5)} \quad x+4}$$

$$\frac{(x-2)(x-7)}{x+4}$$

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Simplify: $\frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + 2x - 3} \div \frac{x + 5}{x^2 - 3x - 18}$

$$\frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + 2x - 3} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 3x - 18}{x + 5}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{(x+5)}(x-5)}{\cancel{(x+3)}(x-1)} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(x+5)}(x-6)}{\cancel{x+5}} = \frac{(x-5)(x-6)}{x-1}$$

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Simplify: $\frac{x^2 - 2x + 1}{x^2 + 6x + 8} \div \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$

$$\frac{x^2 - 2x + 1}{x^2 + 6x + 8} \cdot \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 - 1}$$

$$\frac{(x-1)\cancel{(x-1)}}{(x+4)\cancel{(x+2)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(x+2)}(x+1)}{\cancel{(x+1)}(x-1)} = \frac{x-1}{x+4}$$

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