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4.9 Multiply Fractions by Whole Numbers

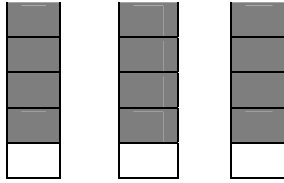
You can use fraction strips to see how multiplying fractions works.

$$3 * \frac{4}{5} = 3 \text{ groups of } \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\frac{4}{5} + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{12}{5}$$

3 groups of $\frac{4}{5}$ is $\frac{12}{5}$.

Simplify and you have $2 \frac{2}{5}$

**Computation - Multiply First**

$$3 * \frac{2}{5} = \frac{3}{1} * \frac{2}{5} =$$

1. Multiply the numerators. ($3 * 2 = 6$)
2. Multiply the denominators. ($1 * 5 = 5$)
3. Simplify the product. $\frac{6}{5}$ in simplest form is $1 \frac{1}{5}$

$$5 * \frac{3}{10} = \frac{5}{1} * \frac{3}{10} = \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$

$$7 * \frac{1}{21} = \frac{7}{1} * \frac{1}{21} = \underline{\quad}$$

$$8 * \frac{3}{4} = \underline{\quad} * \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$

$$5 * \frac{4}{9} = \underline{\quad} * \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$

Evaluate $3n$ for each value of n . Write your answer in simplest form.

$$n = \frac{1}{3}$$

means

$$3 * n \text{ for } n = \frac{1}{3}$$

Replace n with $\frac{1}{3}$

$$3 * \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{1} * \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{3} = \underline{\quad}$$

$$n = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$3 * \frac{5}{9} = \underline{\quad} * \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$