

## Multiplying Fractions Parents' Guide

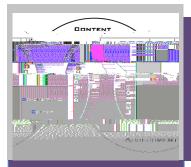
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As with anything in life, there are often many ways to do something. Some ways are more efficient than others. This is true of mathematics in general and specifically with multiplying fractions.

Often students are taught to multiply fractions by simply "multiply across" – multiply the numerators and then multiply the denominators. Many textbooks provide a "general rule" for multiplying fractions:

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