## Strand 3: Number

Teaching \& Learning Plans Fractions
Juntor Certificate Syllabus
Teaching \& Learning Plans Complex Numbers

Leaving Certificate Syllabus


Development Team

## Fractions are Easy!

- Halfa cup of tea
- Quarter of an hour
- Three quarters full



## Point to-Ponder!

## 2 <br> 3

## Chief Examiners' Reports

## Chief Examiners' Reports

LC HL-2000
"C andidates answering showed weaknesses in the following specific areas: handling fractions"

## Chief Examiners' Reports

LC HL- 2000
"C andidates answering showed weaknesses in the following specific areas: handling fractions"

LC HL-2005
"Incorrectcancelling in algebraic fractions."

## Chief Examiners' Reports

$\square$
LCHL-2000
"Candidates answering showed weaknesses in the following specific areas: handling fractions"

LC HL - 2005
"Incorrect cancelling in algebraic fractions."

## Chief Examiners' Reports

$\square$
"Candidates answering showed weaknesses in the following specific areas: handling fractions"

LC HL-2005
"Incorrect cancelling in algebraic fractions."
LC FL- 2005
"Fractionsagain caused problemsformany."
"..it would appear that fractions are not well understood."

## Chief Examiners' Reports

$\square$
CHH 2000
"Candidates answering showed weaknesses in the following specific areas: handling fractions"

"Incorrect cancelling in allgebraic fractions."
LC FL-2005
"Fractions again caused problems for many."
"..it would a ppear that fractions are not well understood."

## Chief Examiners' Reports

$\square$
LC HL - 2000
"Candidates answering showed weaknesses in the following specific areas: handling fractions"
$\square$
"Incorrect cancelling in algebraic fractions."
LC FL- 2005
"Fractionsagain caused problems formany."
"..it would appear that fractions are not well understood."

```
JC OL-2006
"Common emrors were: mishandling either fraction or square root; adding before multiplying."
```


## Chief Examiners' Reports

## LCHL - 2000

"Candidates answering showed weaknesses in the following specific areas: handling fractions"
$\square$
"Incorrect cancelling in algebraic fractions."
LC FL - 2005
"Fractions again caused problems for many."
"..it would appear that fractions are not well understood."

## JC OL- 2006

"C ommon errors were: mishandling either fraction orsquare root; adding before multiplying."

## Chief Examiners' Reports

$\square$
LC HL - 2000
"Candidates answering showed weaknesses in the following specific areas: handling fractions"
$\square$
"Incorrect cancelling in algebraic fractions."
$\square$
"Fractions again caused problems for many."
"..it would appear that fractions are not well understood."
JC OL- 2006
"Common errors were: mishandling either fraction orsquare root; adding before multiplying."

JC HL- 2006
"Areas of weakness in candidate performance: simplifying algebraic fractions."

## Chief Examiners' Reports

## LCHL-2000

"Candidates answering showed weaknesses in the following specific areas: handling fractions"
$\square$
"Incorrect cancelling in algebraic fractions."

## LC FL - 2005

"Fractions again caused problems for many."
"..it would appear that fractions are not well understood."

## JC OL-2006

"Common errors were: mishandling either fraction or square root; adding before multiplying."

JC HL-2006
"Areas of weakness in candidate performance: simplifying algebraic fractions."

## Lesh's Translation Model



## Lesh's Translation Model



## Lesh's Translation Model



## Lesh's Translation Model



## Lesh's Translation Model



## Lesh's Translation Model



## Leshis Translation Model



## Leshis Translation Model



## Leshis Translation Model



## Unifix Cubes

Cara has 4 pizzas for her party.
She decidesthat a serving will be $\frac{3}{5}$ of a piza.
Will she get $6 \frac{2}{3}$ or $6 \frac{2}{5}$ servings from the 4 pizzas?

## Unifix Cubes

Cara has 4 pizas for her party.
She decidesthat a serving will be $\frac{3}{5}$ of a piza.
Will she get $6 \frac{2}{3}$ or $6 \frac{2}{5}$ servings from the 4 pizzas?

## Leshis Translation Model



## Fraction Wall



Fractions
Decimal

## FractionStríps \& Fraction Cúrcles



## Leshis Translation Model



## Overview of Fractions

Prior
knowledge

## Overview of Fractions

Prior
knowledge


## Díagnostic Test

Which of these rectangles has $\frac{3}{4}$ shaded in?
Is it more than one rectangle?


Answer:

## DíagnosticTest

What fraction of the fraction circle is marked ' $f$ '?


Answer:

## Díagnostic Test



The shaded part of this diagram could represent the numbers:
(a) 5
(b) $2 \frac{1}{2}$
(c) $\frac{5}{8}$
(d) $1 \frac{1}{4}$

Identify the unit in each case by drawing:
(a)
(b)
(c)
(d)

## Overview of Fractions



## Overview of Fractions



## Overview of Fractions



## Overview of Fractions



## Overview of Fractions



## Overview of Fractions



## Overview of Fractions



## Overview of Fractions



## Overview of Fractions



## Overview of Fractions



## Overview of Fractions



## Concepts

- Partitioning
- Ordering
- Equivalence


## Reasonsfor rules~ Checking tools

## Concepts

Is $\frac{3}{4}$ always the same?

## Concepts

Is $\frac{3}{4}$ always the same? Only if the unit is the same.

## Concepts

Is $\frac{3}{4}$ a lways the same? Only if the unit is the same.

## Concepts

Is $\frac{3}{4}$ always the same? Only if the unit is the same.


## Concepts

Which is bigger: $\frac{3}{7}$ or $\frac{5}{7}$ ?

## Concepts

Which is bigger: $\frac{3}{7}$ or $\frac{5}{7}$ ? $\quad \frac{5}{7}$ because there are more $\frac{1}{7}$

## Concepts

Which is bigger: $\frac{3}{7}$ or $\frac{5}{7}$ ? $\quad \frac{5}{7}$ because there are more $\frac{1}{7}$
Which is bigger: $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{2}{5}$ ?

## Concepts

Which is bigger: $\frac{3}{7}$ or $\frac{5}{7}$ ?
$\frac{5}{7}$ because there are more $\frac{1}{7}$
Which is bigger: $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{2}{5}$ ? $\quad \frac{1}{3}>\frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}>\frac{2}{5}$

## Concepts

Which is bigger: $\frac{3}{7}$ or $\frac{5}{7}$ ?
$\frac{5}{7}$ because there are more $\frac{1}{7}$
Which is bigger: $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{2}{5}$ ? $\quad \frac{1}{3}>\frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}>\frac{2}{5}$
Which is bigger: $\frac{5}{9}$ or $\frac{3}{7}$ ?

## Concepts

Which is bigger: $\frac{3}{7}$ or $\frac{5}{7}$ ?
$\frac{5}{7}$ because there are more $\frac{1}{7}$
Which is bigger: $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{2}{5}$ ?

$$
\frac{1}{3}>\frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}>\frac{2}{5}
$$

Which is bigger: $\frac{5}{9}$ or $\frac{3}{7}$ ?

$$
\frac{5}{9}>\frac{1}{2} \text { and } \frac{3}{7}<\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{5}{9}>\frac{3}{7}
$$

## Concepts

Which is bigger: $\frac{3}{5}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$ ?

## Whole Number Multiplication

## Whole Number Multiplication

## Whole Number Multiplication

Liz wants to give each of her 3 friends 4 bars of chocolate. How would you work out how many bars she needs?

## Whole Number Multiplication

Liz wants to give each of her 3 friends 4 bars of chocolate. How would you work out how many bars she needs?

## Whole Number Multiplication

Liz wants to give each of her 3 friends 4 bars of chocolate. How would you work out how many bars she needs?


## Whole Number Multiplication

Liz wants to give each of her 3 friends 4 bars of chocolate. How would you work out how many bars she needs?


## Whole Number Multiplication

Liz wants to give each of her 3 friends 4 bars of chocolate. How would you work out how many bars she needs?

- 3 multiplied by 4 or 3 times 4


## Whole Number Multiplication

Liz wants to give each of her 3 friends 4 bars of chocolate. How would you work out how many bars she needs?

- 3 multiplied by 4 or 3 times 4
- $4+4+4$ (Repeated Addition)


## Whole Number Multiplication

Liz wants to give each of her 3 friends 4 bars of chocolate. How would you work out how many bars she needs?

- 3 multiplied by 4 or 3 times 4
- $4+4+4$ (Repeated Addition)
- 3 groups of 4


## Multiplying a Whole Number by a Fraction

Bary is having 4 of his friends over to his house for pizza.
He is going to give them $\frac{2}{3}$ of a pizza each.
(a) How is this like the last problem?
(b) Draw a picture to model this situation.
(c) If you have " 4 groups of $\frac{2}{3}$ ", how many 'one thirds' do you have?

## Multiplying a Whole Number by a Fraction

Bamy is having 4 of his friends over to his house for pizza.
He is going to give them $\frac{2}{3}$ of a pizza each.
(a) How is this like the last problem?
(b) Draw a picture to model this situation.
(c) If you have " 4 groups of $\frac{2}{3}$ ", how many 'one thirds' do you have?


## Multiplying a Whole Number by a Fraction

Bary is having 4 of his friends over to his house for pizza.
He is going to give them $\frac{2}{3}$ of a pizza each.
(a) How is this like the last problem?
(b) Draw a picture to model this situation.
(c) If you have " 4 groups of $\frac{2}{3}$ ", how many ‘one thirds' do you have?


## Multiplying a Whole Number by a Fraction

Bary is having 4 of his friends over to his house for pizza.
He is going to give them $\frac{2}{3}$ of a pizza each.
(a) How is this like the last problem?
(b) Draw a picture to model this situation.
(c) If you have " 4 groups of $\frac{2}{3}$ ", how many ‘one thirds' do you have?


## Multiplying a Whole Number by a Fraction

Bary is having 4 of his friends over to his house for pizza.
He is going to give them $\frac{2}{3}$ of a pizza each.
(a) How is this like the last problem?
(b) Draw a picture to model this situation.
(c) If you have " 4 groups of $\frac{2}{3}$ ", how many ‘one thirds' do you have?


# Poster/ White Boards 

- Picture/Words
- Multiplic ation sentence
- ...groups of...
- Repeated addition


## Pair Work

If I multiply $4 \times \frac{2}{3}$ what incorrect answer do you think I might get?

## Pair Work

How come $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\frac{4}{1} \times \frac{2}{3}=\frac{8}{3} \text { and } \\ \frac{4}{1}+\frac{2}{3}=4 \frac{2}{3} ?\end{array}\right.$

## Fraction x Fraction

Cara has $\frac{2}{5}$ of her rectangular birthday cake left over from her party.
She ate $\frac{3}{4}$ of the leftovercake.

How much of the full cake was this?


