Adding Fractions with Different Denominators

For each question:

- Write down the answer.
- Show any workings clearly.
- Give your answer in its simplest form.

1. $\frac{5}{7} + \frac{1}{6} =$ ☐

2. $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{11} =$ ☐

3. $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{5} =$ ☐

4. $\frac{4}{15} + \frac{1}{2} =$ ☐

5. $\frac{2}{10} + \frac{2}{3} =$ ☐

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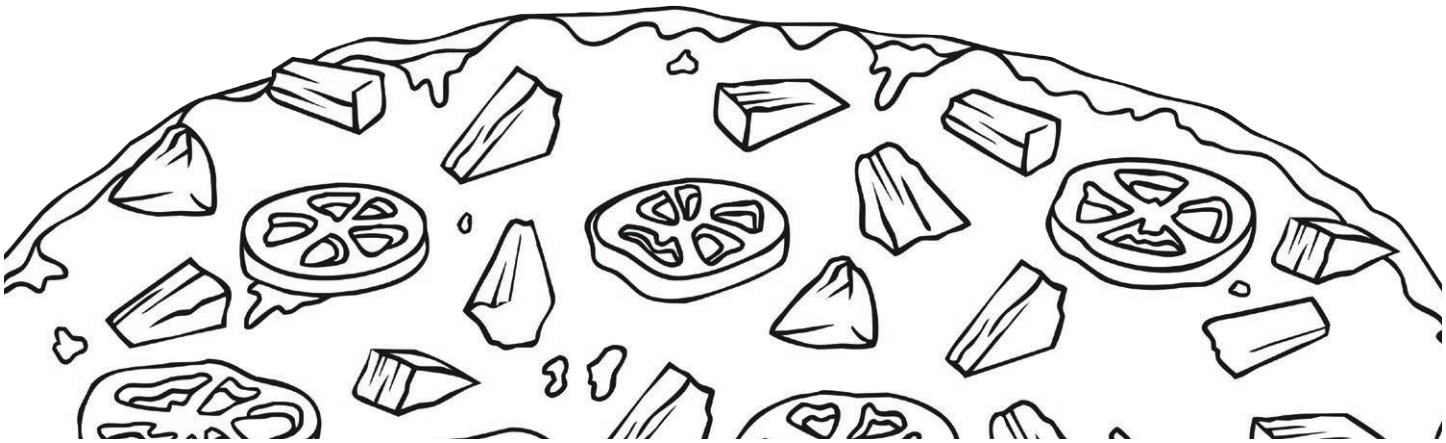
6. Billy says that $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{5}{8}$ is $\frac{6}{11}$
   Explain why Billy isn't correct and give the correct answer.

7. Show how $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{4}{10}$ is the same as $\frac{4}{5}$.

8. Paul says that $\frac{3}{9} + \frac{2}{6}$ is $\frac{2}{3}$. Laura says that the answer is $\frac{1}{3}$.
   Who is correct and why?

9. In Rebecca's garden, $\frac{2}{3}$ is grass and $\frac{1}{5}$ is trees.
   What fraction is not grass or trees?

10. Tom, Tarun and Alex share a pizza. Tom eats $\frac{2}{10}$, Tarun eats $\frac{1}{4}$ and Alex eats $\frac{3}{8}$.
    What fraction of pizza is not eaten?



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Adding Fractions with Different Denominators **Answers**

1. $\frac{37}{42}$

2. $\frac{37}{55}$

3. $\frac{14}{15}$

4. $\frac{23}{30}$

5. $\frac{26}{30} = \frac{13}{15}$

6. Billy's answer is incorrect because you can't simply add the numerators and denominators together; you have to find a common denominator first. The answer should be $\frac{23}{24}$.

7. $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{4}{10} = \frac{4}{10} + \frac{4}{10}$.

   $\frac{4}{10} + \frac{4}{10} = \frac{8}{10}$.

   The highest common factor for 8 and 10 is 2.
   $\frac{8}{10}$ is equivalent to $\frac{4}{5}$.

8. Paul is correct.
   $\frac{3}{9} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{6}{18} + \frac{6}{18}$.

   $\frac{6}{18} + \frac{6}{18} = \frac{12}{18}$.

   The highest common factor of 12 and 18 is 6.
   $\frac{12}{18}$ is equivalent to $\frac{2}{3}$.

9. $\frac{2}{15}$

10. $\frac{7}{40}$