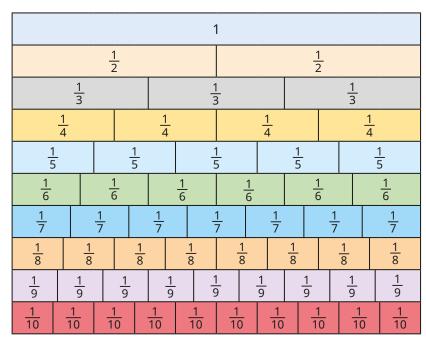
Equivalent fractions and simplifying



1 Here is a fraction wall.



Use the fraction wall to write each fraction in its simplest form.

a) $\frac{4}{6}$

c) $\frac{6}{8}$

b) $\frac{8}{10}$

- **d)** $\frac{4}{8}$
- 2 a) Use a fraction wall to explain why $\frac{7}{10}$ does not simplify.
 - **b)** Find three more fractions on the fraction wall that cannot be simplified.

Mo, Eva and Ron are trying to simplify $\frac{5}{20}$



Мо

I cannot simplify this, because one number is odd and the other is even.



I can simplify any fraction.

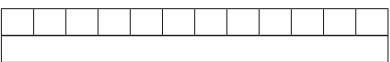
Ron

Do you fully agree, partly agree or completely disagree with each person?

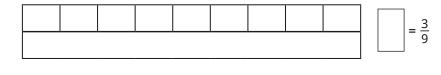
Talk about it with a partner.



a) Draw lines on the bar model to show that $\frac{9}{12}$ is equal to $\frac{3}{4}$



b) Complete each bar model and calculation.





Equivalent fractions and simplifying



Mo, Eva and Ron are trying to simplify $\frac{5}{20}$



I cannot simplify this, because one number is odd and the other is even.

I cannot simplify this, because only one number can be halved.



Eva



I can simplify any fraction.

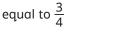
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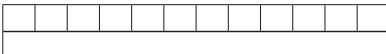
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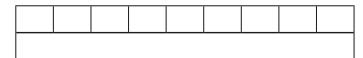
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b) Complete each bar model and calculation.



$$=\frac{5}{15}$$

Simplify the fractions.

a)
$$\frac{4}{12}$$
 $\frac{4}{16}$ $\frac{4}{20}$

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 $\frac{4}{16}$ $\frac{4}{20}$ c) $\frac{40}{120}$ $\frac{40}{160}$ $\frac{40}{200}$

b)
$$\frac{8}{12}$$
 $\frac{8}{16}$ $\frac{8}{20}$

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$$\frac{8}{12}$$
 $\frac{8}{16}$ $\frac{8}{20}$ **d)** $\frac{12}{4}$ $\frac{120}{4}$ $\frac{12}{400}$

Describe and explain any patterns that you notice.

- Write three fractions that simplify to $\frac{3}{5}$
- Teddy and Dora are both simplifying $\frac{30}{42}$

Teddy		
30 42	$=\frac{15}{21}$	$=\frac{5}{7}$

Dora
$$\frac{30}{42} = \frac{5}{7}$$

a) How do you think Dora was able to simplify the fraction in one step?

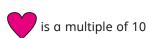


b) Simplify these fractions in one step.

$$\frac{4}{0}$$
 $\frac{56}{64}$ $\frac{16}{20}$ $\frac{99}{12}$









Find a pair of possible values.

Are there any other possible answers? Talk about it with a partner.

