

## Converting Improper Fractions Into Mixed Numbers

How to convert an improper fraction into a mixed number

An improper fraction is greater than 1 because it has its numerator greater than the denominator. For example;  $\frac{5}{3}$  is an improper fraction. In this lesson we will explore how to convert an improper fraction in to a mixed number.

The base is to know how to divide numbers. If students know the basic division, then they can convert any improper fraction in to a mixed number easily.

Let's convert  $\frac{7}{2}$  in to a mixed number. We need to divide 7 by 2 to do it.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ \hline 2 \overline{) 7} \\ -6 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$$

$3\frac{1}{2}$  is the mixed number for  $\frac{7}{2}$

Now let's convert  $\frac{29}{8}$  into a mixed number by dividing 29 by 8 as shown below:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \text{ front whole number} \\ \hline 8 \overline{) 29} \\ -24 \\ \hline 5 \text{ New numerator.} \end{array}$$

Hence,  $\frac{29}{8} = 3\frac{5}{8}$

Convert  $\frac{86}{11}$  into mixed number.

We need to divide 86 by 11 to get the answer.

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \\ \hline 11 \overline{) 86} \\ -77 \\ \hline 9 \end{array}$$

$\frac{86}{11} = 7\frac{9}{11}$  is the required mixed number.