Add Like Fractions

Like fractions are fractions with the same denominator. You can add fractions with the same denominators.

Find the sum. Write the answer in simplest form.

1	1	1	1
12	12	12	12

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{12} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

What is
$$\frac{4}{12} + \frac{3}{12}$$
?

Since the denominator is the same for each fraction, it will stay the same for the answer:

$$\frac{4}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$

Add the numerators : 4 + 3 = 7.

So,
$$\frac{4}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$
.

The sum is already in the simplest form.

Examples:

A- Find each sum.

1)
$$3 + 2 = 5$$
 2) $1 + 2 = 3$ 3) $4 + 3 = 7$ 12 12 12

3)
$$\frac{4}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$

5)
$$\underline{2} + \underline{3} = \underline{5}$$

B- Problem Solving

Sara plans to bake chocolate chip cookies. Each batch calls for 2/8 cup of chocolate chips. How many cups of chocolate chips will Sara need for 2 batches of cookies?

$$\frac{2}{8} + \frac{2}{8} = \frac{4}{8} \text{ cup}$$