



Adding and Subtracting Fractions with

Like Denominators

Name _____

Vocabulary

The following properties of addition are true for all real numbers.

Commutative Property:

$a + b =$ _____

Associative Property:

$(a + b) + c =$ _____

Inverse Property:

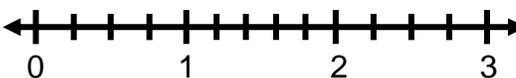
$a + (-a) =$ _____

Identity Property:

$a + 0 =$ _____

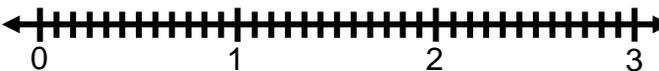
In this activity, you will add and subtract fractions using a number line.

1. If the sum of two fractions with denominators of 4 is $\frac{7}{4}$, what could be the fractions that were added? Draw the fractions on the number line to show the addition.



2. Find $\frac{7}{10} - \frac{2}{10}$. Explain your answer using unit fractions.

3. Tomas ran $\frac{5}{12}$ of a mile. How much farther would he have to run to complete two miles?



4.  If six equivalent unit fractions are added together and the sum is one, what are the addends? Explain in terms of unit fractions why your answer makes sense.
