Sec 3.7 Dividing Mixed Numbers (Mixed Fractions)

Investigation

Waffles are being served this year at Santa's Breakfast. Ms. Lo wants to share some round waffles with her students. Suppose she makes each portion $\frac{3}{4}$ of a waffle. How many portions will she get from $4\frac{1}{2}$ waffles? Use fraction circles to solve the problem.

To divide mixed numbers, change the mixed numbers to ______ then divide as normal.

Practice:

1. Find all the quotients using your short-cut algorithm.

a)
$$2\frac{1}{4} \div 1\frac{2}{5}$$

b)
$$3\frac{1}{4} \div 3\frac{1}{2}$$

c)
$$4\frac{1}{8} \div 4\frac{1}{8}$$

2. Santa takes $8\frac{2}{3}$ hours to fill his sleigh with toys. He works for $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours each evening. How many evenings does it take him to fill his sleigh?