



Compare two fractions by drawing fraction bars of equal lengths with a pencil and ruler.

You might choose to shade neatly using a colouring pencil.

Remember: The length of your line is the lowest common multiple (LCM) of the denominators.

Don't forget: To calculate the length of the sections inside your bar, divide (÷) the LCM by the denominator.

Ex.	$\frac{3}{4} < \frac{5}{6}$		$\frac{3}{4}$	$12 \div 4 = 3$
	4, 8, (12), 16		$\frac{5}{6}$	$12 \div 6 = 2$
	6, (12), 18			

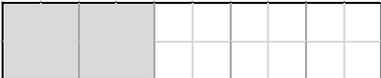
1. $\frac{4}{6}$ $\frac{2}{3}$

2. $\frac{3}{5}$ $\frac{12}{15}$

Work out the shortest possible bar that you can draw for each of the fractions below.

Remember: Draw a line the length of the denominator, then lcm sections all the way along.

Hint: You will need to use your understanding of division to help you out here.

Ex.	$\frac{18}{45}$	I know that 18 and 45 appear in the 9 times table, so I will divide them both by 9.		
		$18 \div 9 = 2$		
		$45 \div 9 = 5$	$\frac{2}{5}$	

3. $\frac{18}{24}$

4. $\frac{35}{63}$