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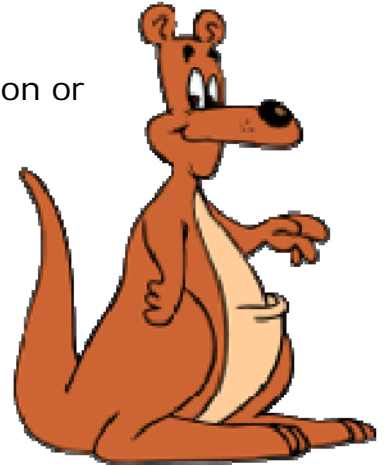
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Products of Mixed Numbers - Step-by-Step Lesson

Multiply. Simplify your answer and write it as a proper fraction or as a whole or mixed number.

a) $7\frac{2}{6} \times -3\frac{1}{3} =$

b) What is the multiplicative inverse of $\frac{4}{9}$?



Explanation:

a) positive \times negative = negative

To multiply two fractions, multiply the numerators and multiply the denominators.

Write mixed numbers as improper fractions.

$$7\frac{2}{6} \times -3\frac{1}{3} = \frac{44}{6} \times \frac{-10}{3} = \frac{-440}{18}$$

Simplify the answer.

$$\frac{-440}{18} = -24\frac{8}{18}$$

b) You can find the multiplicative inverse of a fraction by switching the numerator and the denominator.

You can make a reciprocal by switching the numerator and denominator.

$$\frac{4}{9} \rightarrow \frac{9}{4}$$

