

Word Problems

Adding/Subtracting Fractions

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- (3) $\frac{1}{2}$ of the boys in a class are wearing tennis shoes; $\frac{1}{3}$ of the girls in the class are wearing tennis shoes. What fraction of the class is wearing tennis shoes?
- (4) $\frac{1}{2}$ of the children at Russell Elementary want to visit the zoo; $\frac{1}{3}$ of the children at Russell Elementary want to visit the Science museum. What fraction of the children at Russell Elementary want to visit the zoo or the Science Museum?

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