## Carla's Way

To solve  $\frac{4}{5} + \frac{3}{20}$ , Carla looks at the denominators and thinks about their multiples until she finds a common one. The *Multiplication and Division Facts* chart in the *Student Guide* Reference section helps. If she can't find a common multiple, she just multiplies the denominators together to find one like Chris does.

$$\frac{4}{5} + \frac{3}{20}$$

Sometimes I take a shortcut. I look at the denominators and see if  $5 \times$  some number equals 20. I know that  $5 \times 4 = 20$ , so the common denominator is 20.



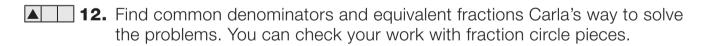
Multiples of 5: 5, 10, 15, **20**, 25, 30 . . . Multiples of 20: **20**, 40, 60, 80 . . .

The common multiple is 20.

Carla needs to rename  $\frac{4}{5}$  so that it has a common denominator of 20. She multiplies  $5 \times 4$  to get 20, so she also multiplies the numerator by 4 and finds an equivalent fraction.

$$\frac{4\times4}{5\times4} = \frac{16}{20}$$

Now she is able to add twentieths:  $\frac{16}{20} + \frac{3}{20} = \frac{19}{20}$ .



- **A.**  $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{10}$  Number sentence \_\_\_\_\_
- **B.**  $\frac{5}{12} + \frac{2}{3}$  Number sentence
- **C.**  $\frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{8}$  Number sentence