Comparing fractions using a common denominator

- 1. Connor has read $\frac{1}{3}$ of his book. Ed has read $\frac{2}{5}$ of his. Agatha has read $\frac{3}{10}$ of hers. Put them in order beginning with who has read the most of their book.
- 2. Harry got $\frac{3}{8}$ of his test correct. Shanai got $\frac{7}{16}$ correct. Who achieved the highest score?
- 3. Jo says that $\frac{4}{9}$ is greater than $\frac{7}{18}$. Is she right? Explain your answer.
- 4. How many ways are there of making this statement true: $\frac{2}{7} > \frac{\square}{14}$
- 5. Place the correct symbol (<,>,=) in the box. $\frac{4}{9} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n}$
- 6. When the denominator gets bigger, the fraction gets smaller. Is this always, sometimes or never true?
- 7. Daren says that $\frac{6}{7}$ is greater than $\frac{5}{6}$ because it is closer to 1 whole. Is this right?
- 8. Tom watched $\frac{3}{8}$ of a film on Friday. He watched another $\frac{2}{5}$ of the film on Saturday. On Sunday, he watched the rest. On which day did he watch the most?

9. Use the digit cards:

3 4 5 6

Find ways of completing the statement: $\frac{\square}{\square} > \frac{\square}{\square}$

How many ways are there? Can you include any improper fractions?

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- 1. Ed has read the most $(\frac{2}{5})$ followed by Connor $(\frac{1}{3})$ and Agatha $(\frac{3}{10})$.
- 2. Shanai
- 3. Jo is correct. $\frac{4}{9}$ is equivalent to $\frac{8}{18}$ which is greater than $\frac{7}{18}$.
- 4. $\frac{1}{14}$, $\frac{2}{14}$, $\frac{3}{14}$

5. $\frac{4}{9} < \frac{2}{3}$

- 6. If the numerator remains the same, then the fraction will always get smaller when the deniminator gets bigger.
- 7. Daren is correct. $\frac{6}{7}$ is one seventh less than one whole, whereas $\frac{5}{6}$ is one sixth less than one whole. One seventh is smaller.
- 8. Tom watched the most on Saturday.

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Find ways of completing the statement: $\frac{\square}{\square} > \frac{\square}{\square}$

Check pupils' work – there are many solutions.