Re-Write all three fractions with the correct **Common Denominator**:

$$\frac{8}{12}$$
 +  $\frac{6}{12}$  +  $\frac{9}{12}$  =  $\frac{23}{12}$  or  $1\frac{11}{12}$ 

How can you tell from the second diagram that the common denominator is 12? **Each box is divided into 12 parts (3 by 4).** 

How can you tell from the second diagram what is the total number of parts? <u>I counted the total number of shaded squares.</u>

How do you find the lowest common denominator using arithmetic?

multiply the denominators, but then divide by any shared factors

What did you have to do to  $\frac{2}{3}$  to make it a fraction that could be added to the other two?

divide each third into 4 smaller equal parts