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a.  $\frac{5}{12} + \frac{\square}{3} = \frac{3}{4}$

To find the missing value, let's subtract  $\frac{5}{12}$  from both sides of the equation.

$$\frac{5}{12} + \frac{\square}{3} = \frac{3}{4} \longrightarrow \frac{\cancel{5}}{12} + \frac{\square}{3} - \frac{\cancel{5}}{12} = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{5}{12}$$

So,  $\frac{\square}{3} = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{5}{12}$

Now, let's find the LCM of the denominators, then evaluate.

$$\frac{\square}{3} = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{5}{12} = \frac{9 - 5}{12} = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Therefore, the missing number is 1 and the complete expression is  $\frac{5}{12} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{4}$

b.  $\frac{6}{10} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{\square}{\square}$

Let's find the LCM of the denominators, then evaluate.

$$\frac{6}{10} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{48 - 10}{80} = \frac{38}{80} = \frac{19}{40}$$

So,  $\frac{6}{10} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{19}{40}$

c.  $\frac{3}{\square} - \frac{2}{5} = \frac{7}{20}$

To find the missing value, let's add  $\frac{2}{5}$  to both sides of the equation.

$$\frac{3}{\square} - \frac{2}{5} = \frac{7}{20} \longrightarrow \frac{3}{\square} - \frac{\cancel{2}}{5} + \frac{\cancel{2}}{5} = \frac{7}{20} + \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\frac{3}{\square} = \frac{7}{20} + \frac{2}{5} = \frac{7 + 8}{20} = \frac{15}{20} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{5} = \frac{7}{20}$

d.  $\frac{4}{7} - \frac{1}{\square} = \frac{1}{14}$

To find the missing value, let's add  $\frac{1}{14}$  to both sides of the equation.

$$\frac{4}{7} - \frac{1}{\square} = \frac{1}{14} \longrightarrow \frac{4}{7} - \frac{\cancel{1}}{\square} + \frac{\cancel{1}}{\square} = \frac{1}{14} + \frac{1}{\square}$$

$$\frac{4}{7} + \frac{1}{\square} = \frac{4}{7}$$

e.  $\frac{2}{9} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{35}{36}$

Then, let's subtract  $\frac{1}{14}$  from both sides of the equation.

$$\frac{1}{\square} + \frac{1}{14} = \frac{4}{7} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\square} + \frac{\cancel{1}}{14} - \frac{\cancel{1}}{14} = \frac{4}{7} - \frac{1}{14}$$

$$\frac{1}{\square} = \frac{4}{7} - \frac{1}{14} = \frac{8 - 1}{14} = \frac{7}{14} = \frac{1}{2}$$