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$$2\frac{13}{30} \text{ lb}$$

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$$\frac{4}{15} \text{ lb}$$

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Dorothy can multiply the recipe by $2\frac{1}{2}$ or divide by $\frac{2}{5}$, since $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{5}$ are reciprocals.

4. How much of each ingredient does she need to use to make $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the recipe?

ground beef: $3\frac{3}{4}$ lb; tomatoes: $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb; onions: $\frac{5}{6}$ lb;
tomato paste: 10 tsp; water $8\frac{1}{8}$ cups

5. What would Dorothy do if she needed to make $\frac{1}{3}$ of the recipe?

She could multiply by $\frac{1}{3}$ or divide by $\frac{3}{1}$.
