

# Understand What a Fraction Is

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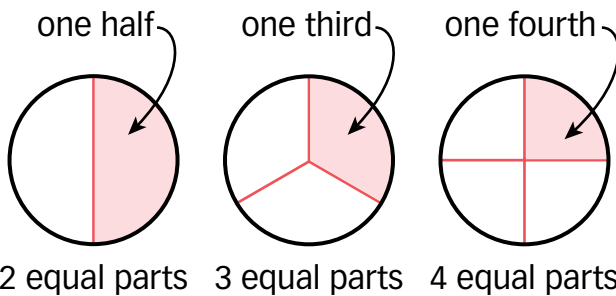
**Prerequisite: How can you find equal parts of a shape?**



**Study the example showing shapes divided into equal parts. Then solve problems 1–6.**

### Example

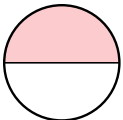
The circles are divided into equal parts. You use the number of equal parts to name the parts.




**1** Which of these shows equal parts? Circle the letter for all that apply.



**Fill in the blanks.**

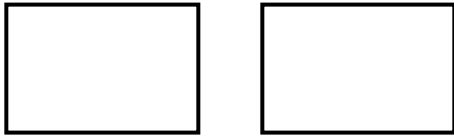
**2**  \_\_\_\_\_ equal parts  
Each part is one \_\_\_\_\_.

**3**  \_\_\_\_\_ equal parts  
Each part is one \_\_\_\_\_.



**Solve.**

- 4** Divide the rectangles to make 4 equal parts in each one. Show a different way in each rectangle.



- 5** Which triangle is divided into thirds?  
Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

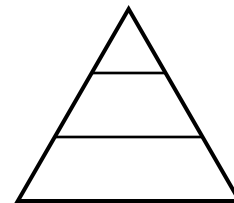
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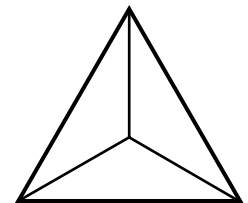
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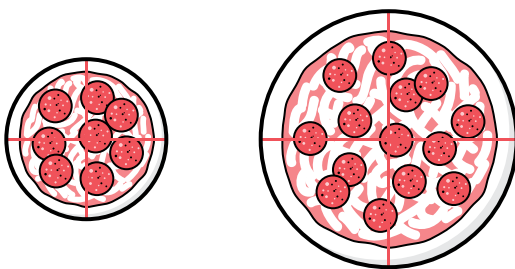


Triangle A



Triangle B

- 6** Each pizza is cut into fourths. There are 8 people sharing the pizzas shown below. If each person takes one slice, will everyone get the same amount of pizza? Explain your answer.



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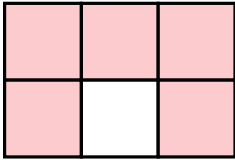
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## Describe Parts of a Whole with Fractions

Study the example that shows how to write a fraction for parts of a whole. Then solve problems 1–8.

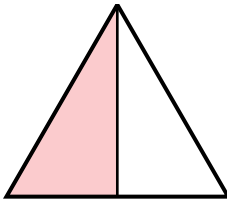
## Example



- There are 6 equal parts.
- Each part is one sixth.
- 5 parts are shaded.
- 5 sixths of the whole is shaded.
- This shows the fraction  $\frac{5}{6}$ .

Fill in the blanks.

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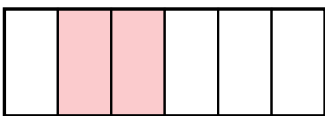


\_\_\_\_\_ shaded parts

\_\_\_\_\_ equal parts

\_\_\_\_\_ fraction

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\_\_\_\_\_ shaded parts

\_\_\_\_\_ equal parts

\_\_\_\_\_ fraction

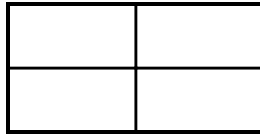

**Vocabulary**

**fraction** a number that names part of a whole.

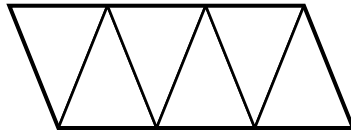


**Solve.**

3 Shade this shape to show  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

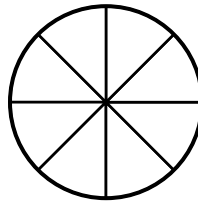


4 Shade this shape to show  $\frac{2}{6}$ .



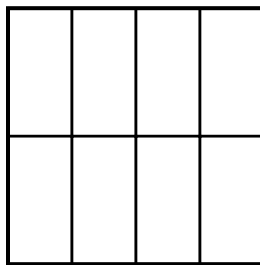
5 Shade 3 parts.


What fraction is shaded? \_\_\_\_\_




6 Shade 7 parts.

What fraction is shaded? \_\_\_\_\_



7  is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a rectangle.

Draw the rectangle. Show the parts.

8  is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a rectangle.

Draw the rectangle. Show the parts.

Then shade  $\frac{2}{4}$  of your rectangle.

## Reason and Write

**Study the example. Underline two parts that you think make it a particularly good answer and a helpful example.**

**Example**

Draw a rectangle with  $\frac{4}{6}$  of it shaded.

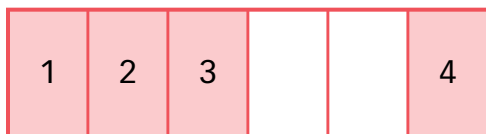
Explain how you decided what to draw.

**Show your work.** Use pictures, words, or numbers to explain how you decided what to draw.

**First I thought about how many equal parts are in  $\frac{4}{6}$ . There are 6 equal parts, so I drew 6 rectangles in a row to make one big rectangle with 6 equal parts.**



**Then I looked at the numerator. The 4 tells me that I should shade 4 parts. Since they are all the same, I can shade any 4. Here is the same rectangle with 4 parts shaded.**



**This rectangle has 4 out of 6 equal parts shaded, so  $\frac{4}{6}$  of the rectangle is shaded.**

Where does the example ...

- use a picture to explain?
- use numbers to explain?
- use words to explain?
- give details?



**Solve the problem. Use what you learned from the model.**

Draw a rectangle with  $\frac{3}{8}$  of it shaded.

Explain how you decided what to draw.

**Show your work.** Use pictures, words, or numbers to explain how you decided what to draw.

Did you ...

- use a picture to explain?
- use numbers to explain?
- use words to explain?
- give details?

