Understanding Fractions

Fractions are formed when we have a WHOLE that is divided into so many **EQUAL** parts.

A whole is divided into two equal parts.

 $\frac{1}{2}$

A whole is divided into **five** equal parts.

ONE part is one fifth.



ONE part is one half.

A whole is divided into ten equal parts.

Four parts are colored, and the whole has four equal parts.



ONE part is one tenth.

Three parts are colored. There are seven equal parts.

Two parts are colored, and the whole has five equal parts.



Three sevenths.

Two fifths.

Four fourths.



"three eighths"

The number ABOVE the line tells **HOW MANY PARTS** we have (the colored parts).

The number BELOW the line tells how many EQUAL parts the **whole** is **divided** into.

After halves, we use ordinal numbers to name the fractional parts (thirds, fourths, fifths, sixths, sevenths, and so on).

1. Color the parts to illustrate the fraction.

