

Extra Support week 5 - What is a fraction?

A fraction means a part of something or a number of parts of something. There are two parts to a fraction:

- The number on top shows how many parts there are

This is called the **numerator**

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- The number on the bottom shows how many parts something has been divided into

This is called the **denominator**.

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Often fractions are shown as shapes.

This circle shows the fraction $\frac{1}{3}$



The shaded part represents the numerator. Only 1 part is shaded so the numerator is 1

The denominator is the total number of parts including the shaded part. This circle has been divided into 3 parts so the denominator is 3

This rectangle shows the fraction $\frac{1}{4}$

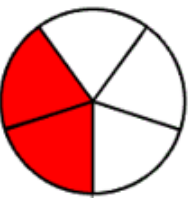


1 part is shaded so the numerator is 1

The shape has been divided into 4 parts so the denominator is 4

Sometimes shapes have more than one part shaded.

This shape shows $\frac{2}{5}$



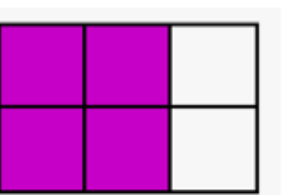
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so the numerator is 2

There are 5 parts in total

So the denominator is 5

This shape shows $\frac{4}{6}$



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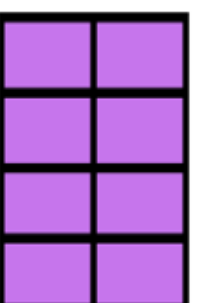
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When the numerator and denominator are the same. It is a **whole**. On a shaded shape this would look like this →

The numerator is 8 as all parts (The **whole** of it) is shaded and the denominator is 8 because there are 8 parts.



$\frac{8}{8}$

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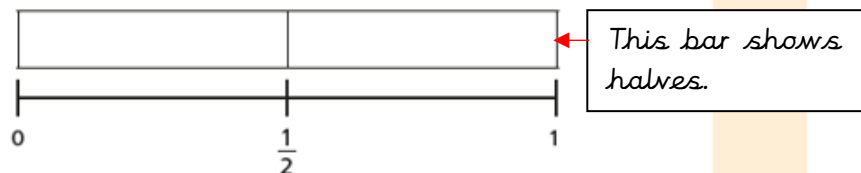
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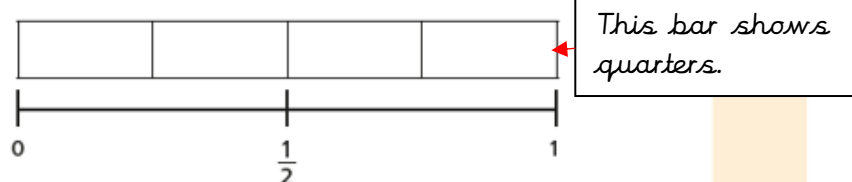
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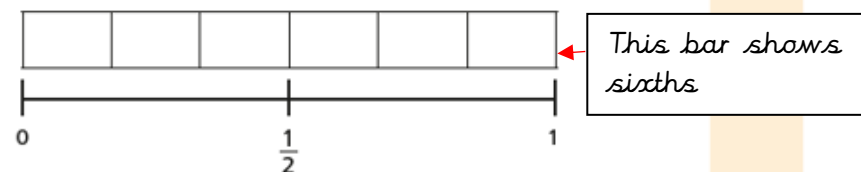
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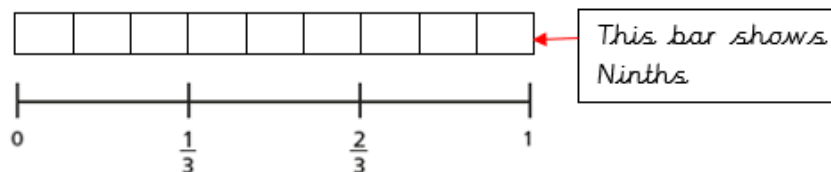
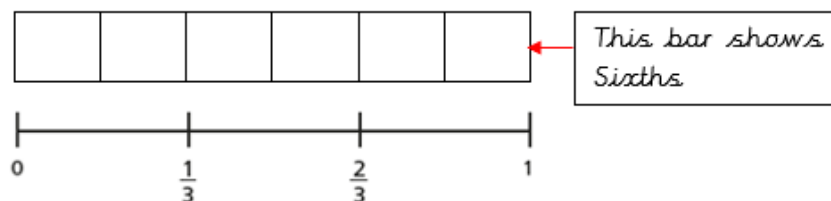
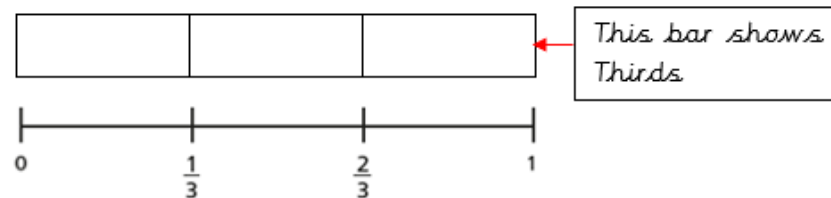


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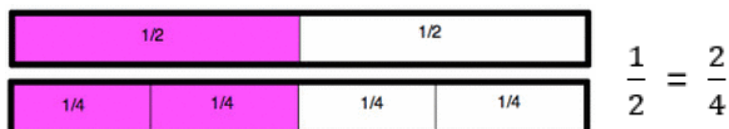
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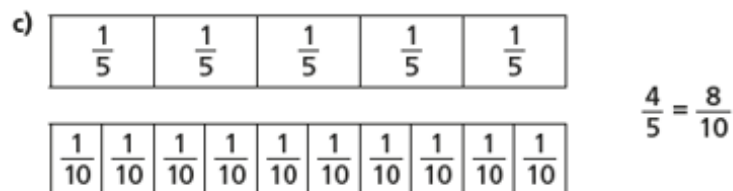
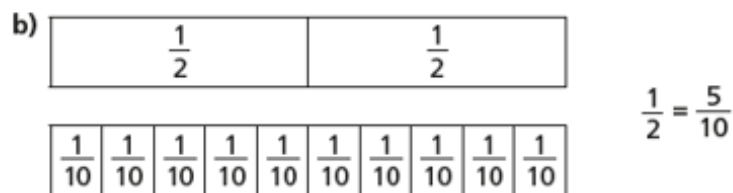
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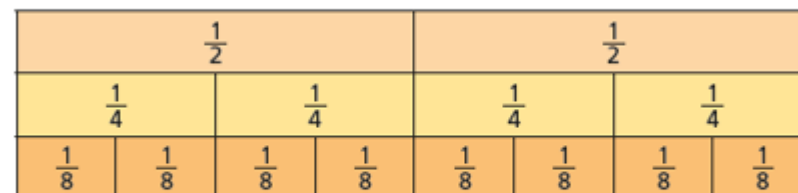
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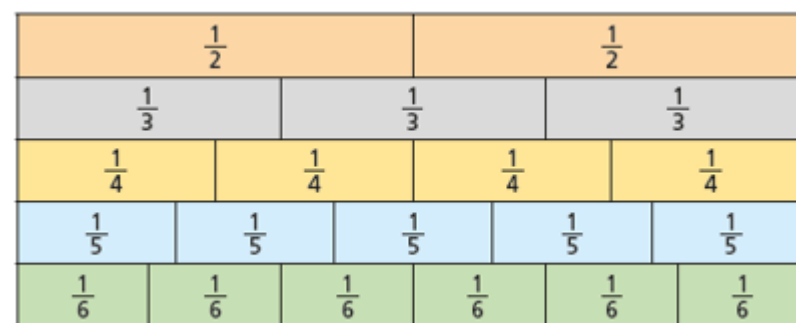
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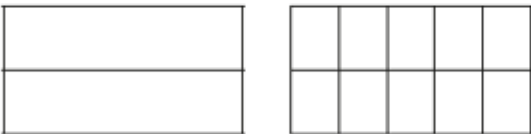
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b)  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{\boxed{}}{10}$

c)  $\frac{1}{4} = \frac{\boxed{}}{12}$

- 2 Match the equivalent fractions.

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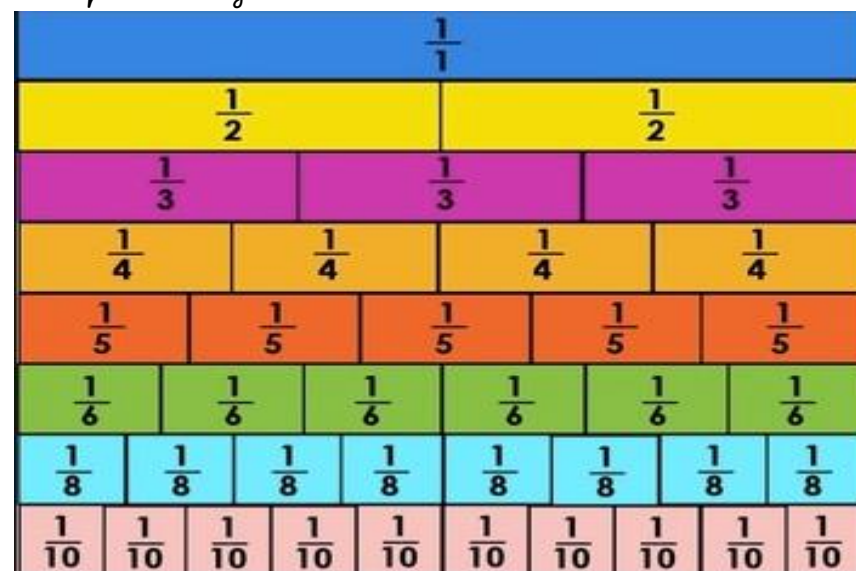
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Use the fraction wall to help you complete the Equivalent fractions below



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c) $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{\boxed{}}$

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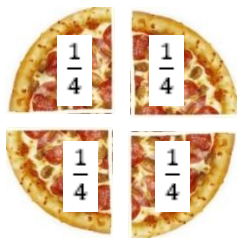
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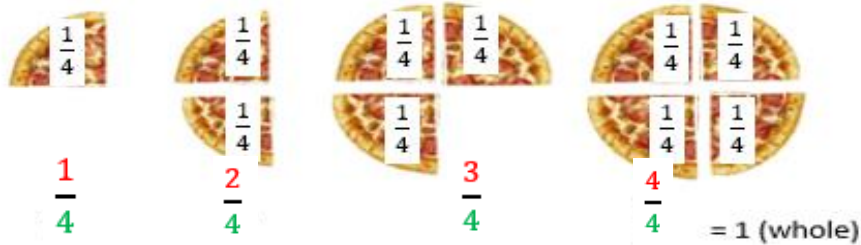
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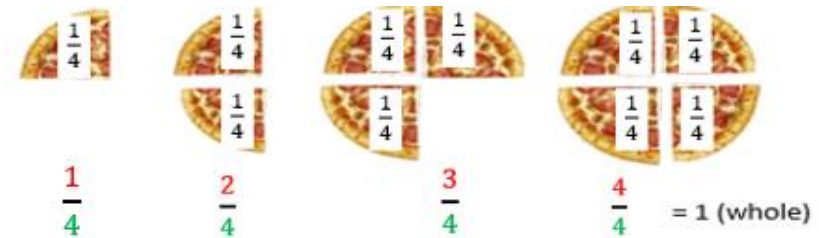
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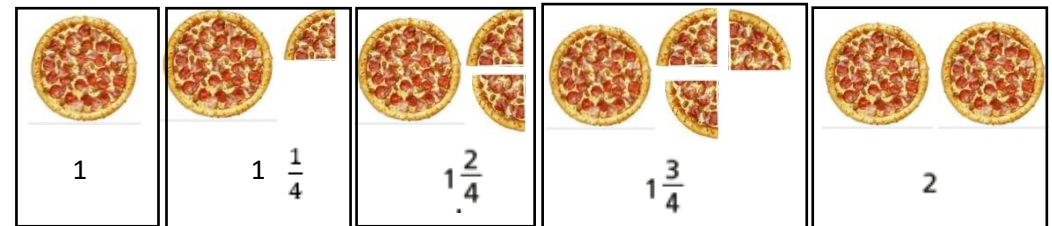


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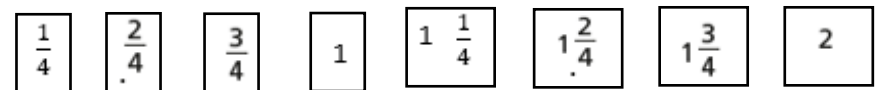
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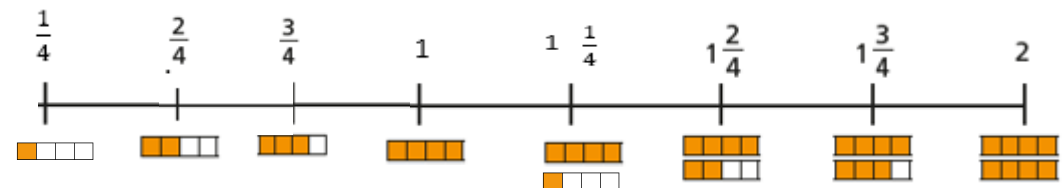
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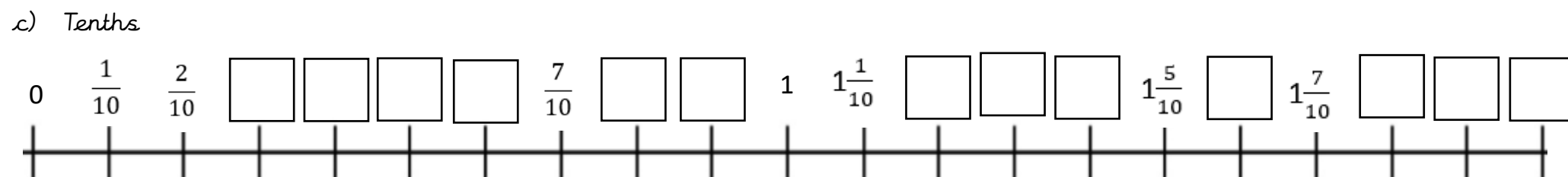
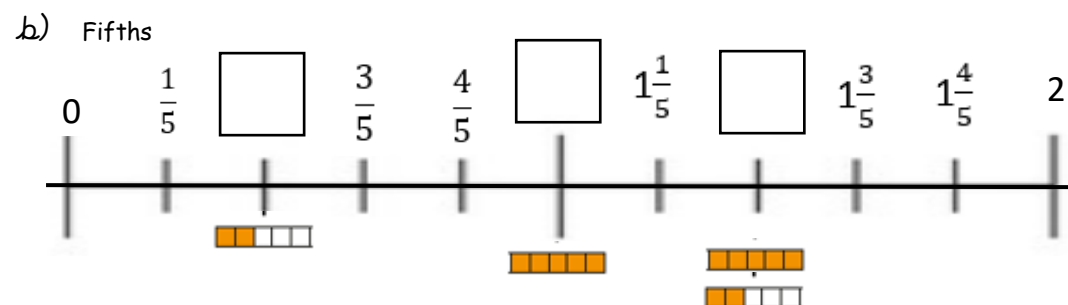
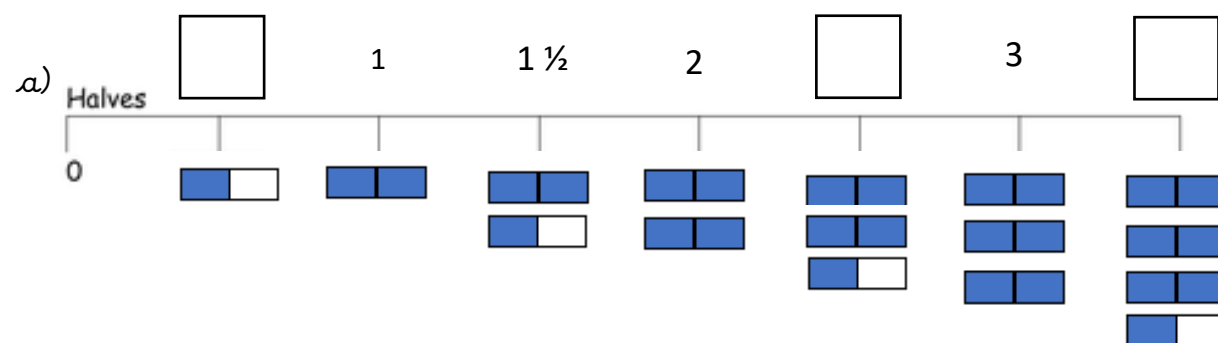
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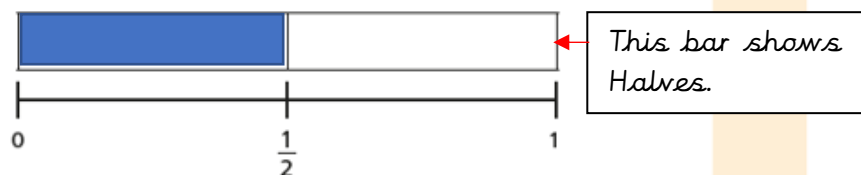
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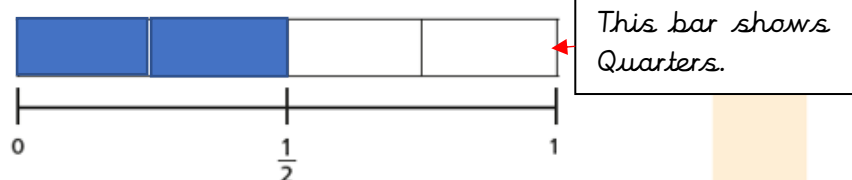
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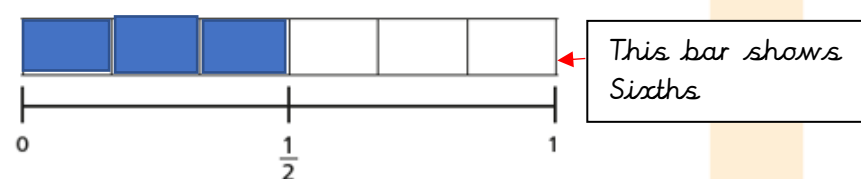
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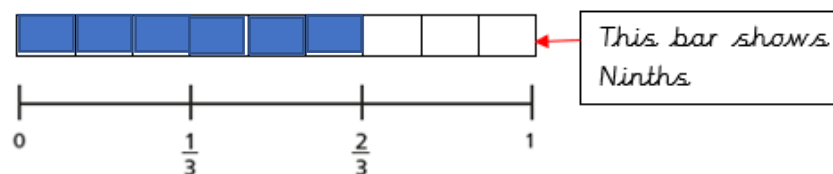
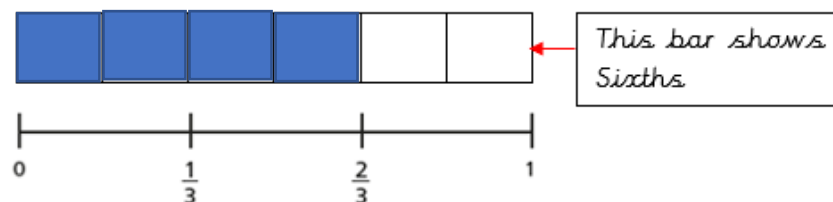
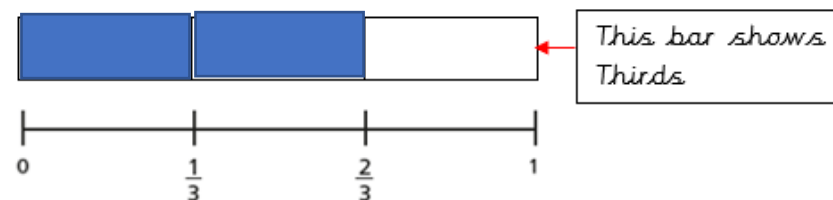


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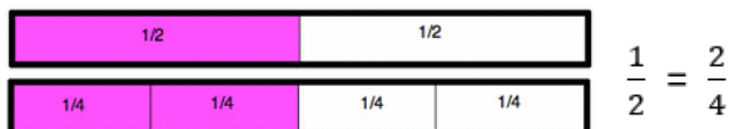
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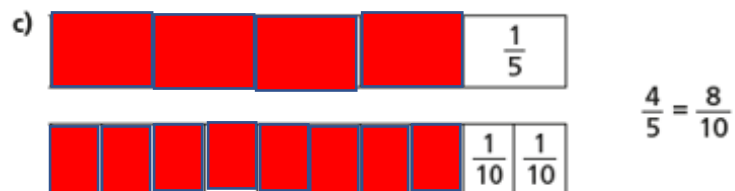
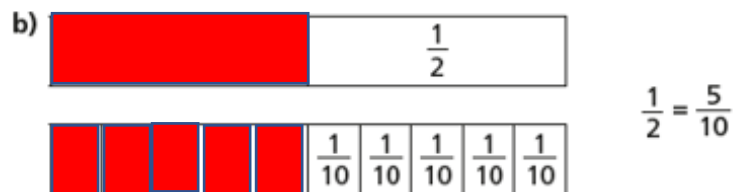
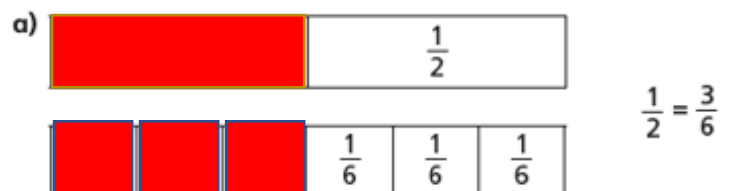
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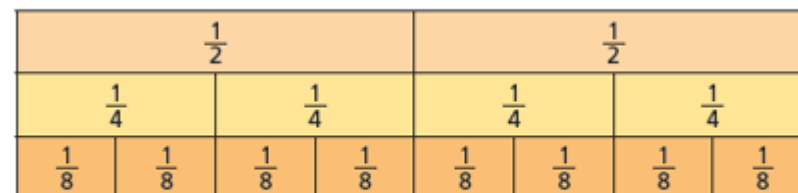
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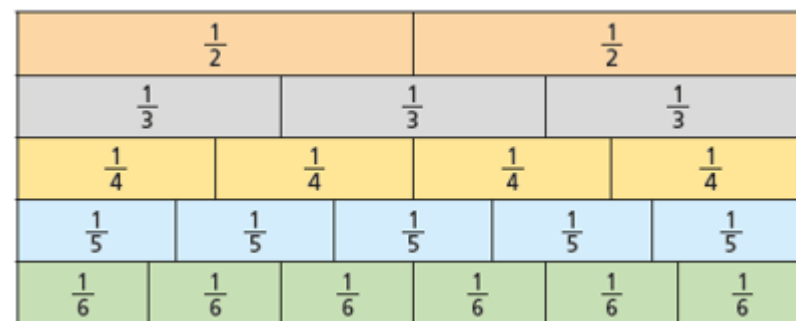
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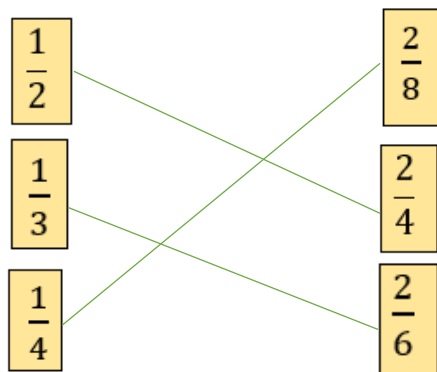
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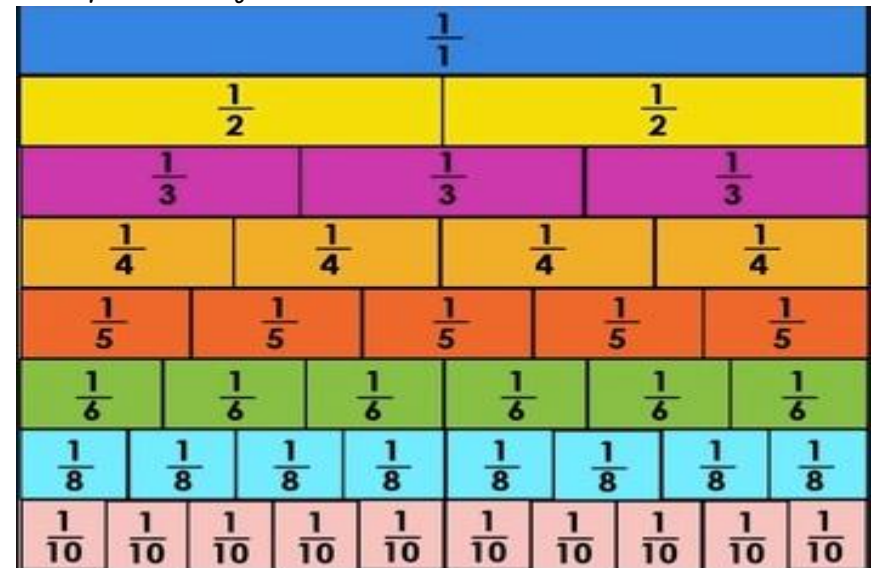


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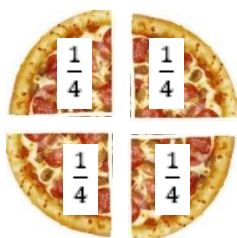
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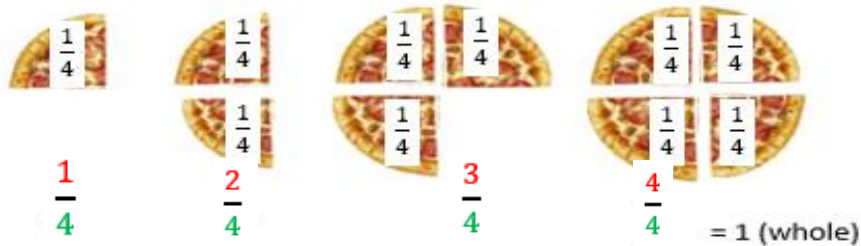
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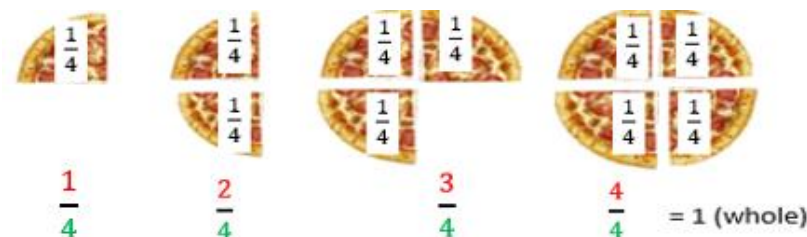
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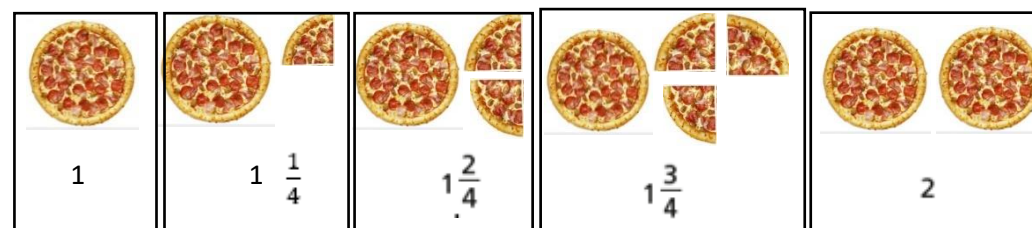
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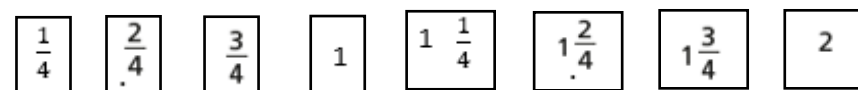


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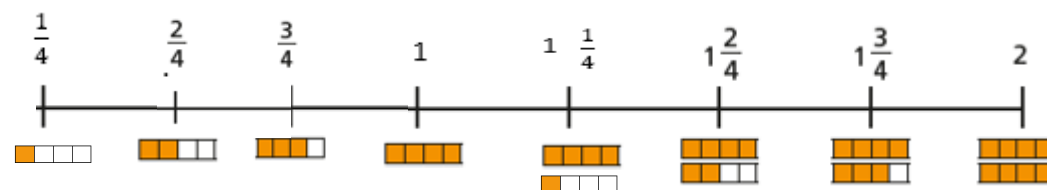
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