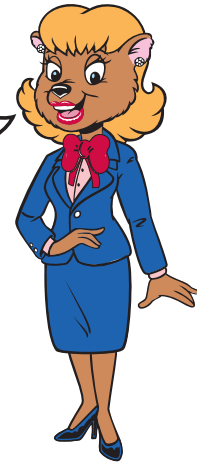


Name That Fraction!

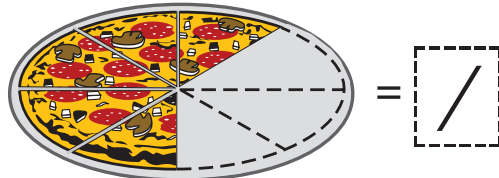
My name is Hollie Hamster. I'm the Mike's Math Club fractions expert! I use fractions whenever I want to divide objects into parts. Speaking of parts, every fraction has two parts that should be kept in mind: the numerator and the denominator.



Notice that there are two ways to write fractions:

$\frac{1}{2}$ ← The numerator → $\frac{1}{2}$
← The denominator →

Hi, I'm Detective Duck!
Fractions often name a part of one whole thing, such as a pizza. I just ate three slices of this pizza, and I loved every bite. What fraction of the whole pizza did I eat?



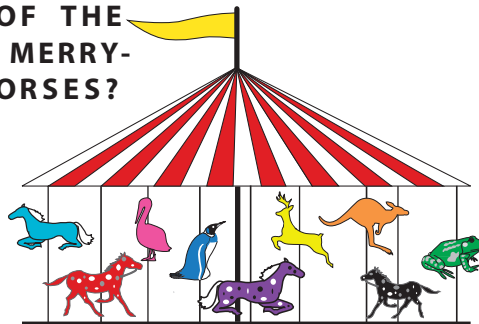
The numerator is the number before (or above) the fraction bar. It tells how many slices of pizza Detective Duck ate.

The denominator is the number after (or below) the fraction bar. It tells how many slices are in one whole pizza.

Fractions are also used to name parts of a group or a set of things. For example, a fraction can compare the number of horses on the merry-go-round below to the total number of animals on the merry-go-round.



WHAT FRACTION OF THE ANIMALS ON THE MERRY-GO-ROUND ARE HORSES?



The numerator tells how many horses are on the merry-go-round.

The denominator tells the total number of animals on the merry-go-round.