

Max's Magnificent Fractions!

Max the Monkey is on a mission to share his snacks fairly! Can you help him master fractions?

- A fraction shows how many parts of a whole we have. The bottom number (denominator) tells us how many equal parts the shape is split into.
- The top number (numerator) tells us how many of those equal parts we are looking at or counting.
- One half ($\frac{1}{2}$) means one whole is split into two equal parts. If you share a £1 coin into two equal parts, each part is 50p.
- One quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) means one whole is split into four equal parts. If you have four apples, one quarter of that set is one apple.
- When we say three quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$), we mean we have three out of the four equal parts of a whole.
- Always remember: for a shape or a set to be a fraction, the parts must be exactly equal in size!

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'fraction' comes from a Latin word that means 'to break'. When we use fractions, we are breaking a whole object into smaller, equal pieces!

Key vocabulary: Fraction · Numerator · Denominator · Whole · Half · Quarter · Third · Equal parts