

Max's Magnificent Maths: Fabulous Fractions!

Join Max the Monkey to crack the code of parts and wholes!

- The bottom number of a fraction is called the denominator. It tells us how many equal parts the whole is split into.
- The top number of a fraction is the numerator. It tells us how many of those equal parts we are talking about.
- To be a fraction, the parts must be exactly the same size. If they are not equal, it is not a fraction!
- A unit fraction always has 1 as the numerator, like $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, or $\frac{1}{8}$.
- When you have a whole, the numerator and the denominator are the same number, such as $\frac{4}{4}$ or $\frac{8}{8}$.

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'fraction' comes from the Latin word 'fractus', which means 'broken'. Fractions help us share things fairly, like slicing a pizza or splitting a pocket money savings pot of £1 into smaller amounts!

Key vocabulary: Numerator · Denominator · Fraction · Whole · Equal parts · Unit fraction