


Divide Fractions


Discuss



Mrs. Murphy's Bakery
 Draw pictures and use invented strategies, repeated subtraction, rectangles, fraction circle pieces, and number lines to solve the problems.

- Mrs. Murphy is a baker. She has 24 cups of flour. If one batch of cupcakes calls for 3 cups of flour, how many batches can she make?

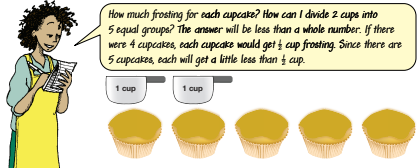
That means, "How many groups of three are in 24?"



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 - How will you label your answer?
 - Work with a partner to solve the problem. Include a drawing.
- Mrs. Murphy has 2 cups of chocolate frosting that she wants to divide equally among 5 cupcakes. How much frosting should she use to frost each cupcake?

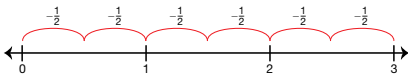

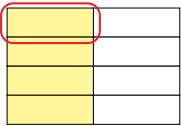
How much frosting for each cupcake? How can I divide 2 cups into 5 equal groups? The answer will be less than a whole number. If there were 4 cupcakes, each cupcake would get $\frac{1}{2}$ cup frosting. Since there are 5 cupcakes, each will get a little less than $\frac{1}{2}$ cup.


 - Will your answer be more than 1 or less than 1?
 - How will you label your answer?
 - Work with a partner to solve the problem. Include a drawing.

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- Mrs. Murphy has 3 cups of butter. Each batch of vanilla frosting calls for $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter. How many batches of frosting can she make?
 - What are you trying to find out? How many _____ are in _____?
 - How will you label your answer?
 - Will your answer be larger or smaller than 3 cups? Why?
 - Work with a partner to solve the problem. Include a drawing.
 - Explain how Mrs. Murphy solved $3 \div \frac{1}{2}$ this way:
- There is $\frac{1}{2}$ of a cake left at Mrs. Murphy's bakery. 4 customers want to share it evenly. How much of the cake will each person get?
 - What are you trying to find out? How much of the whole cake is being divided?
 - Will your answer be more than $\frac{1}{2}$ or less than $\frac{1}{2}$?
 - How will you label your answer?
 - Work with a partner to solve the problem. Include a drawing.
 - Explain how Mrs. Murphy solved $\frac{1}{2} \div 4$ this way:


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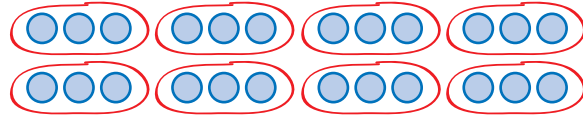
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**Divide Fractions (SG pp. 508–513)
 Questions 1–30**

Drawings for Questions 1–16 will vary. Sample drawings are provided.

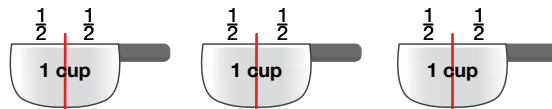
- * batches
 - * 8 batches;



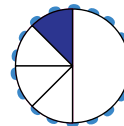
- * less than 1
 - * cups
 - * $\frac{2}{5}$ cups;



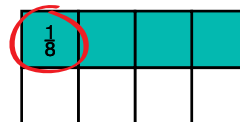
- * How many halves are in 3?
 - * batches
 - * The quotient will be larger than 3 because you are dividing the 3 cups of butter into smaller $\frac{1}{2}$ cups.
 - * 6 batches;



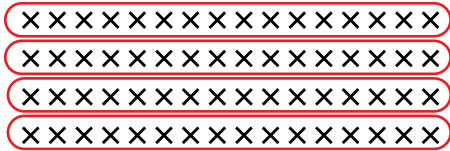
- * Mrs. Murphy used repeated subtraction on a number line to solve $3 \div \frac{1}{2}$. She took 6 backwards jumps of $\frac{1}{2}$.
- * How much of the whole cake will each person get if $\frac{1}{2}$ of it is divided among 4?
 - * less than $\frac{1}{2}$
 - * cake
 - * $\frac{1}{8}$ cake;



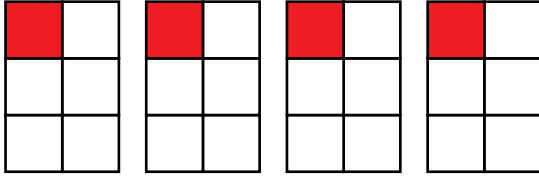
- * Mrs. Murphy divided a rectangle in half and then divided the half into four equal pieces. Each person would get $\frac{1}{8}$ of the whole cake.



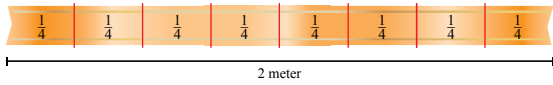
5. 16 tiles



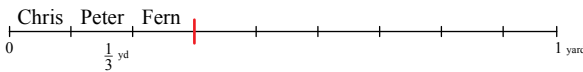
6. Each gets $\frac{4}{6}$ of a box



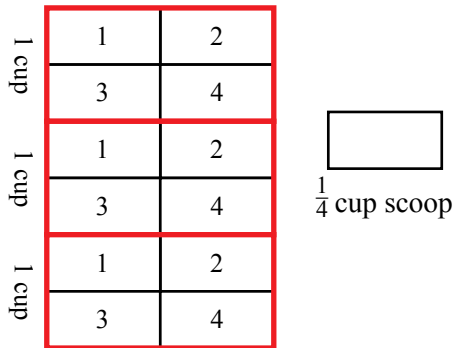
7. 8 pieces



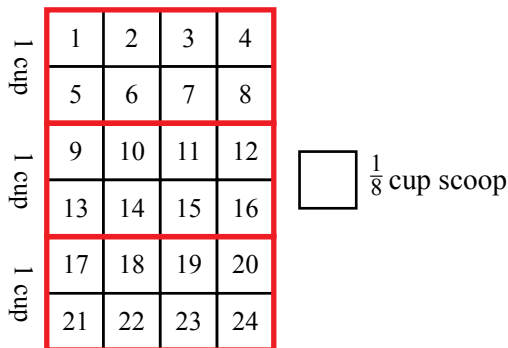
8. $\frac{1}{9}$ of a yard



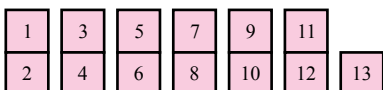
9. 12 scoops



10. 24 scoops



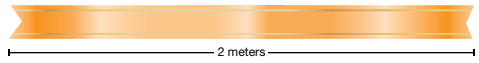
11. 13 people



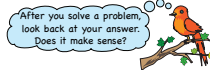
Arts and Crafts

Draw a picture for each problem and solve the problem. Label your answers carefully.

- Miguel has a bag of 56 mosaic tiles. How can he divide them evenly among 4 people?
- Yolanda has 4 boxes of sequins. How can she divide the boxes evenly among herself, Julia, Nisha, Fern, Suzanne, and Emily?
- Nisha is cutting a 2-meter long ribbon into $\frac{1}{4}$ -meter lengths. How many pieces of the smaller lengths of ribbon will she have?

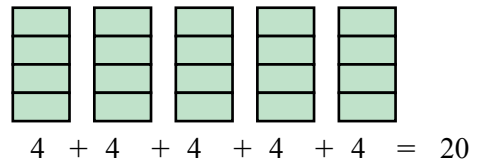


- Chris, Peter, and Fern want to share $\frac{1}{3}$ of a yard of fabric equally. How much of a yard will each person get?
- A scoop holds $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cup. How many scoops of glitter are needed to fill a bottle that holds 3 cups?
- A scoop holds $\frac{1}{2}$ of a cup. How many scoops of colored sand are needed to fill a bottle that holds 3 cups of sand?
- Frank has $6\frac{1}{2}$ sheets of construction paper. Each person needs $\frac{1}{2}$ of a sheet for a craft. How many people can have a half-sheet of paper?
- Each project requires $\frac{1}{4}$ of a container of paint and there are 5 containers of paint. How many projects can the students make?
- Mark has 2 hours to finish 6 crafts. If he divides his time evenly, how much of an hour can he give to each craft?
- Nisha has $\frac{1}{4}$ of a meter of ribbon with which to make 3 tiny bows. How much ribbon can she use for each bow?

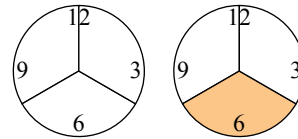


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12. 20 projects



13. $\frac{1}{3}$ of an hour



14. $\frac{1}{12}$ of a meter



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✓ Check-In: Questions 15-16

15. Romesh has an 8-foot strip of balsa wood. He wants to cut $\frac{1}{3}$ -foot lengths from the strip of wood. How many $\frac{1}{3}$ -foot pieces of wood will he have?
16. There is $\frac{1}{2}$ ball of yarn left. How much of the ball of yarn will Richard, Yolanda, Fern, Michael, and Chris get if they share it?

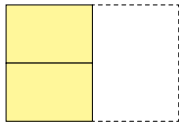


Solve the problems.

17. A. $3 \div \frac{1}{2} =$ B. $\frac{1}{2} \div 3 =$
 18. A. $8 \div \frac{1}{4} =$ B. $\frac{1}{4} \div 8 =$
 19. A. $5 \div \frac{1}{9} =$ B. $\frac{1}{9} \div 5 =$
 20. A. $2 \div \frac{1}{8} =$ B. $\frac{1}{8} \div 2 =$

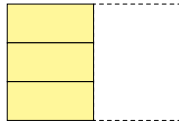
21. Grace has $\frac{1}{2}$ of a sheet of paper. She divides it into 2 parts.

- A. How much of the whole sheet of paper is one part? Write a division number sentence.
 B. Use paper folding to find $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$. Write a number sentence.
 C. Compare number sentences. Is $\frac{1}{2} \div 2 = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$?



22. Kathy divides $\frac{1}{2}$ of a sheet of paper into 3 parts.

- A. How much of the whole sheet of paper is one part? Write a division number sentence.
 B. Use paper folding to find $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3}$. Write a number sentence.
 C. Compare number sentences. Is $\frac{1}{2} \div 3 = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3}$?



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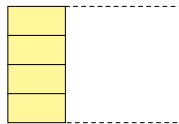
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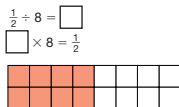
23. Jason divides $\frac{1}{3}$ of a sheet of paper into 4 parts.

- A. How much of the whole sheet of paper is one part? Write a division number sentence.
 B. Use paper folding to find $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}$. Write a number sentence.
 C. Compare number sentences. Is $\frac{1}{3} \div 4 = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}$?
 D. Use the model above to solve $\frac{2}{3} \div 4$. Write a number sentence.
 E. Use paper folding to find $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}$. Write a number sentence.
 F. Compare the number sentences in Questions 23D-E. Is $\frac{2}{3} \div 4 = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}$?



Solve the problems.

24. A. $\frac{1}{3} \div 4 = \square$ 25. A. $\frac{1}{2} \div 5 = \square$
 B. $\square \times 4 = \frac{1}{3}$ B. $\square \times 5 = \frac{1}{2}$
26. A. $\frac{1}{3} \div 3 = \square$ 27. A. $\frac{1}{4} \div 3 = \square$
 B. $\square \times 3 = \frac{1}{3}$ B. $\square \times 3 = \frac{1}{4}$
28. A. $\frac{1}{2} \div 8 = \square$
 B. $\square \times 8 = \frac{1}{2}$



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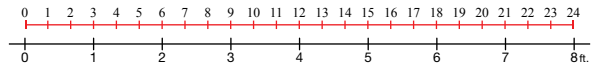
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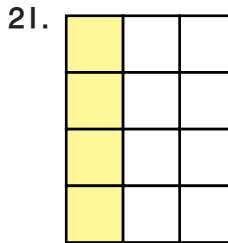
15.* 24 pieces



16. $\frac{1}{10}$ ball



17. A.* $3 \div \frac{1}{2} = 6$ B.* $\frac{1}{2} \div 3 = \frac{1}{6}$
 18. A.* $8 \div \frac{1}{4} = 32$ B.* $\frac{1}{4} \div 8 = \frac{1}{32}$
 19. A.* $5 \div \frac{1}{3} = 15$ B.* $\frac{1}{3} \div 5 = \frac{1}{15}$
 20. A.* $2 \div \frac{1}{8} = 16$ B.* $\frac{1}{8} \div 2 = \frac{1}{16}$



21. A. $\frac{1}{2} \div 2 = \frac{1}{4}$ sheet
 B. $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$
 C. Yes, $\frac{1}{2} \div 2 = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$. Both equal $\frac{1}{4}$.
22. A. $\frac{1}{2} \div 3 = \frac{1}{6}$ sheet
 B. $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6}$
 C. Yes, $\frac{1}{2} \div 3 = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2}$. Both equal $\frac{1}{6}$.
23. A.* $\frac{1}{3} \div 4 = \frac{1}{12}$ sheet
 B.* $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{12}$
 C.* Yes, $\frac{1}{3} \div 4 = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}$. Both equal $\frac{1}{12}$.
 D. $\frac{2}{3} \times 4 = \frac{2}{12}$ or $\frac{1}{6}$
 E. $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{12}$ or $\frac{1}{6}$
 F. Yes, $\frac{2}{3} \div 4 = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}$. Both equal $\frac{2}{12}$ or $\frac{1}{6}$.
24. A.* $\frac{1}{3} \div 4 = \frac{1}{12}$ 25. A.* $\frac{1}{2} \div 5 = \frac{1}{10}$
 B.* $\frac{1}{12} \times 4 = \frac{1}{3}$ B.* $\frac{1}{10} \times 5 = \frac{1}{2}$
26. A. $\frac{1}{3} \div 3 = \frac{1}{9}$ 27. A. $\frac{1}{4} \div 3 = \frac{1}{12}$
 B. $\frac{1}{9} \times 3 = \frac{1}{3}$ B. $\frac{1}{12} \times 3 = \frac{1}{4}$
28. A. $\frac{1}{2} \div 8 = \frac{1}{16}$
 B. $\frac{1}{16} \times 8 = \frac{1}{2}$

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29. A. $1 \div \frac{1}{2} = 2$ $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$
 B. $1 \div \frac{1}{3} = 3$ $3 \times \frac{1}{3} = 1$
 C. $1 \div \frac{1}{4} = 4$ $4 \times \frac{1}{4} = 1$
 D. $1 \div \frac{1}{5} = 5$ $5 \times \frac{1}{5} = 1$
 E. $1 \div \frac{1}{10} = 10$ $10 \times \frac{1}{10} = 1$
 F. $1 \div \frac{1}{100} = 100$ $100 \times \frac{1}{100} = 1$
30. A. $1 \div 2 = \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$
 B. $1 \div 3 = \frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 1$
 C. $1 \div 4 = \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4} \times 4 = 1$
 D. $1 \div 5 = \frac{1}{5}$ $\frac{1}{5} \times 5 = 1$
 E. $1 \div 10 = \frac{1}{10}$ $\frac{1}{10} \times 10 = 1$
 F. $1 \div 100 = \frac{1}{100}$ $\frac{1}{100} \times 100 = 1$

Homework (SG pp. 513–514)
Questions 1–9

1. Rule: Divide by $\frac{1}{2}$

Input	Output
20	10
16	8
12	6
8	4
4	2


2. Rule: Divide by $\frac{1}{4}$

Input	Output
20	5
16	4
12	3
8	2
4	1

Complete the corresponding division and multiplication sentences. Look for patterns.

29. A. $1 \div \frac{1}{2} = \square$ $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = \square$
 B. $1 \div \frac{1}{3} = \square$ $3 \times \frac{1}{3} = \square$
 C. $1 \div \frac{1}{4} = \square$ $4 \times \frac{1}{4} = \square$
 D. $1 \div \frac{1}{5} = \square$ $5 \times \frac{1}{5} = \square$
 E. $1 \div \frac{1}{10} = \square$ $10 \times \frac{1}{10} = \square$
 F. $1 \div \frac{1}{100} = \square$ $100 \times \frac{1}{100} = \square$

30. A. $1 \div 2 = \square$ $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = \square$
 B. $1 \div 3 = \square$ $\frac{1}{3} \times 3 = \square$
 C. $1 \div 4 = \square$ $\frac{1}{4} \times 4 = \square$
 D. $1 \div 5 = \square$ $\frac{1}{5} \times 5 = \square$
 E. $1 \div 10 = \square$ $\frac{1}{10} \times 10 = \square$
 F. $1 \div 100 = \square$ $\frac{1}{100} \times 100 = \square$



Complete the Function Machines. Write the answers in simplest form. Do not leave any improper fractions.

1. Rule: Divide by $\frac{1}{2}$

Input	Output
20	
16	
12	
8	
4	

2. Rule: Divide by $\frac{1}{4}$

Input	Output
20	
16	
12	
8	
4	

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3. Rule: Divide by 2

Input	Output
2	
1	
$\frac{1}{2}$	
$\frac{1}{4}$	
$\frac{1}{8}$	



Draw a picture and solve the problem. Write a number sentence including labels.

4. Mrs. Murphy is placing scoops of small candies into bags.
 - A. The scoop is $\frac{1}{3}$ of a cup. How many scoops of candy will fit in a 4-cup bag?
 - B. The scoop is $\frac{1}{3}$ of a cup. How many scoops of candy will fit in a 3-cup bag?
 - C. The scoop is $\frac{1}{10}$ of a cup. How many scoops of candy will fit in a $2\frac{1}{2}$ -cup bag?
5. There is $\frac{1}{6}$ of a pizza in the refrigerator. How much will Nisha and Fern get if they share it evenly?
6. Michael has $\frac{1}{3}$ bottle of lemonade. How much of the bottle will 5 people get if they share it equally?
7. How much of a bag will Nisha, Fern, and Mark get if they share $\frac{1}{2}$ of a bag of chips equally?
8. $\frac{1}{4}$ of a submarine sandwich is one serving. How many servings are in $2\frac{1}{4}$ sandwiches?



9. Write a story about $5 \div \frac{1}{6}$. Solve the problem. Include a drawing and label your answer.

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3. Rule: Divide by 2

Input	Output
2	1
1	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{16}$

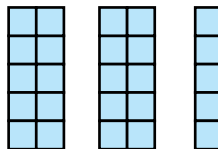
4. A. 12 scoops

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12

- B. 15 scoops

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15

- C. 25 scoops



$$10 + 10 + 5 = 25$$

5. Each girl will get $\frac{1}{12}$ of a pizza.
6. $\frac{1}{15}$ bottle
7. Each child will get $\frac{1}{6}$ bag.
8. 9 servings
9. Stories will vary. Sample story:
Ana had 5 feet of ribbon. She cut it into $\frac{1}{6}$ -foot lengths. She had 30 smaller ribbons when she was done.



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