





**UNIT PLANNING TOOL****Planning Focus:** Fractions: Extending fraction equivalence and ordering / comparing**Grade Level:** 4<sup>th</sup>**CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.4.NF.A.1**

Explain why a fraction  $a/b$  is equivalent to a fraction  $(n \times a)/(n \times b)$  by using visual fraction models, with attention to how the number and size of the parts differ even though the two fractions themselves are the same size. Use this principle to recognize and generate equivalent fractions.

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Compare two fractions with different numerators and different denominators, e.g., by creating common denominators or numerators, or by comparing to a benchmark fraction such as  $1/2$ . Recognize that comparisons are valid only when the two fractions refer to the same whole. Record the results of comparisons with symbols  $>$ ,  $=$ , or  $<$ , and justify the conclusions, e.g., by using a visual fraction model.

**Mathematical Practices being emphasized:**

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
5. Use appropriate tools strategically.

**Essential Questions**

How can a fraction model help us make sense of a problem?

In what ways can we model equivalent fractions?

How are benchmark fractions helpful when comparing fractions?

**Key Concepts**

- Benchmark fractions
- Plotting fractions on a number line
- Use visual models to compare and find equivalent fractions
- Factors and products
- Multiples

**Pre and Post Assessments**

Pre and post assessments from Topic 8 materials.  
Exit slips (teacher developed)

Preassessment for classroom demo – see attached.  
(Preassessment based on concepts that will help the teachers know students' current understanding of fractions.)

**Other formative assessment opportunities:**

- Simultaneous Numbered Heads
- Inquiry Chart
- Work on unit lessons
- Guided math group

**Visual Models/ Algorithms/ Diagrams for Compendium**

3 types  
 $\frac{3}{4}$     $\frac{5}{4}$     $1\frac{1}{4}$   
  
 proper   improper   mixed #

equivalent fractions  
  
 1/2    $\frac{2}{4}$     $\frac{4}{8}$

Comparing    $>$     $<$     $=$   
 ①  $\frac{1}{2}$  as a benchmark   ② Compare common numerators  
 $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $\frac{6}{8}$

③ Compare common denominators  
 $\frac{4}{6}$  to  $\frac{5}{6}$   
 $\frac{3}{5}$  to  $\frac{7}{10}$

**Connections (Real World Applications)**

- Dividing food (candy bars, cakes)
- Weight of food ( $2 \frac{1}{2}$  pounds of grapes X  $1 \frac{1}{4}$  times that weight in bananas)
- Bags of marbles, boxes of pencils, yards or feet of wrapping paper or ribbon
- Increasing or decreasing recipes, fraction of students on buses
- $\frac{2}{3}$  of the class are boys.  $\frac{1}{2}$  are wearing tennis shoes. What fraction of the boys are wearing tennis shoes?

**Language Functions/Structures**

**Describe** First we \_\_\_\_\_. Then we \_\_\_\_\_. Finally, we \_\_\_\_\_

**Explain** We decided to \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_. To solve the problem, we \_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_. The factors of \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ because ...

**Analyze** \_\_\_\_\_ is greater than \_\_\_\_\_ because ... . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_ is less than \_\_\_\_\_ because ...  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_ because...  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are equivalent because\_\_\_\_\_, where \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are inequalities because...

**Vocabulary**

fraction, numerator, denominator, operations, multiplication/multiply, factors, products, mixed numbers, product, quotient, partition, equal parts, equivalent, factor, unit fraction, benchmark fraction, inequalities, greater than, less than, compare, order

**Focus and Motivation**

**Chants:** Yes Ma'am, Understanding Fractions by Lisa Meyer

**Video and quizzes on Brainpop for fractions**

Fraction Action Math Song| Mister C [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rcrlq9\\_5r7s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rcrlq9_5r7s)

**Literature:** Inchworm and a Half by Elinor J. Pinczes

The Wishing Club by Donna Jo Napoli

Fraction Action by Loreen Leedy

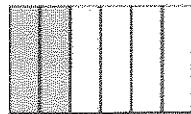
**Fraction Card Games:** matching equivalent fractions; fractions less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  or more than  $\frac{1}{2}$

**YouTube - Fractions in real life** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AVjBFP4MRg&t=36s> (possible start for doing a fraction hunt)

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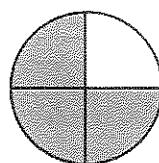
## Topic 8 Pre-Assessment

1. What fraction of the object is shaded?

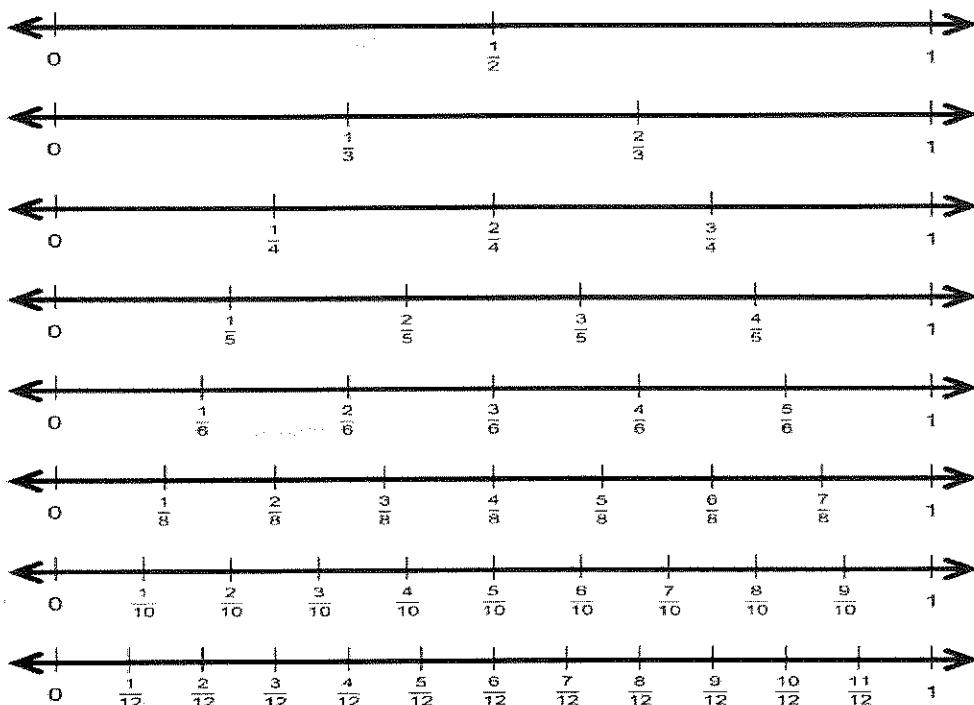


2. For dinner, Josie ate  $\frac{3}{4}$  of her pizza.

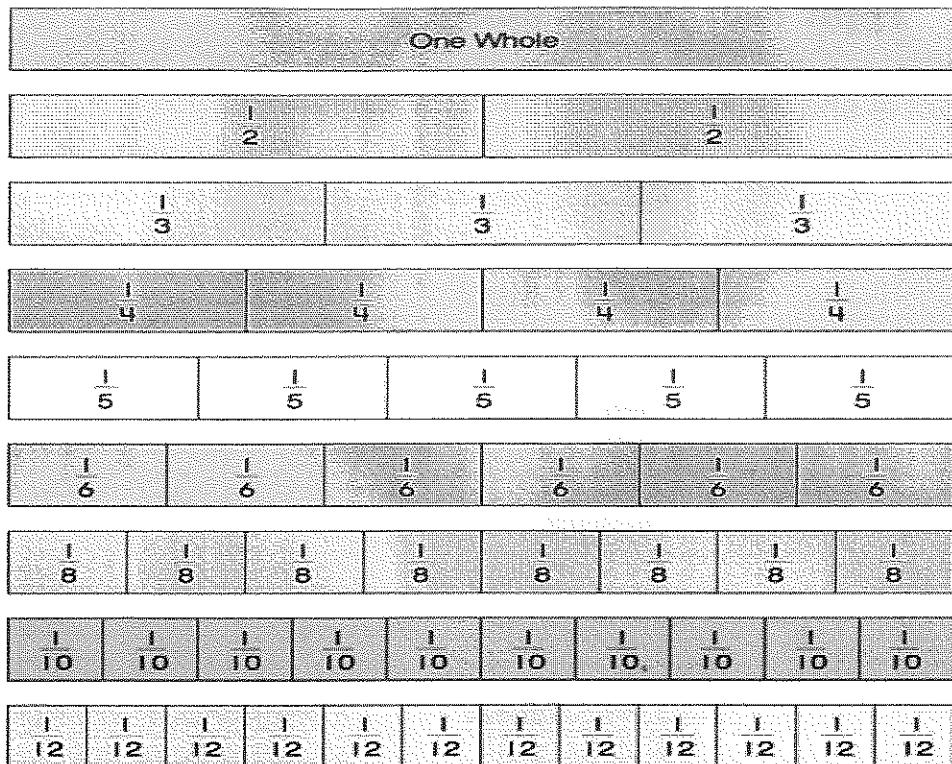
What fraction is equivalent to  $\frac{3}{4}$ ?



3. Use the number line to write 2 fractions that are equivalent to  $\frac{2}{6}$ .



4. Use the bar model to find equivalent fractions for  $\frac{1}{2}$ .



5) Sort the fractions in the box by comparing each one to the benchmark fraction  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

$$\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{6}{12}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{2}{4}$$

Less than $\frac{1}{2}$	Equal to $\frac{1}{2}$	More than $\frac{1}{2}$