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# Focus on Fractions

## Multiplication and Division

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# Agenda

- Standards
- Research
  - Neagoy
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  - Van de Walle
- Multiplication Progression
  - Fractions
- Division of Fractions
- Resources

# Activator

As we learn together today, write down 3 words that capture your learning experience today. I will ask you to share in the chat box at the end of our session.



# Standards

## Progression- Building from 4th grade

### Standard

### Clarification

KY.4.NF.4 Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication to multiply a fraction by a whole number.

- ✓ a. Understand a fraction  $\frac{a}{b}$  as a multiple of  $\frac{1}{b}$ .
- ✓ b. Understand a multiple of  $\frac{a}{b}$  as a multiple of  $\frac{1}{b}$  and use this understanding to multiply a fraction by a whole number.
- ✓ c. Solve word problems involving multiplication of a fraction by a whole number.

MP.5, MP.8

Students refer this standard to  $n$  groups of a fraction (where  $n$  is a whole number) for example 3 groups of  $\frac{1}{4}$ , which can be seen as repeated addition. In grade 5 students will multiply a fraction by a whole number.

a. Students use visual fraction models to represent  $\frac{7}{5} = 7 \times \frac{1}{5}$

b. Students use the same thinking to see  $3 \times \frac{2}{5}$  as  $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{2}{5} = 3 \times \frac{2}{5} =$

$$\frac{6}{5}$$

[KY.4.OA.2](#)

Coherence [KY.3.NF.1](#) → [KY.4.NF.4](#) → [KY.5.NF.4](#)

# Standards

## Progression- 5th grade

### Standard

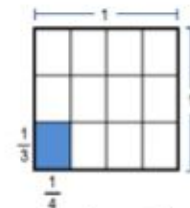
### Clarification

KY.5.NF.4 Apply and extend previous understanding of multiplication to multiply a fraction or whole number by a fraction.

- ✓ a. Interpret the product  $(\frac{a}{b}) \times q$  as  $a$  parts of a partition of  $q$  into  $b$  equal parts; equivalently, as the result of a sequence of operations  $a \times q \div b$ .
- ✓ b. Find the area of a rectangle with fractional side lengths by tiling it with squares of the appropriate unit fraction side lengths and show that the area is the same as would be found by multiplying the side lengths. Multiply fractional side lengths to find areas of rectangles and represent fraction products as rectangular areas.

MP.1

- a. Students use a visual fraction model to show  $(\frac{2}{3}) \times 4 = \frac{8}{3}$  and create a story context for this equation. Do the same with  $(\frac{2}{3}) \times (\frac{4}{5}) = \frac{8}{15}$ . (In general,  $(\frac{a}{b}) \times (\frac{c}{d}) = \frac{ac}{bd}$ .)



- b. For example the shaded portion shows the rectangle with the appropriate unit fraction side lengths.

Coherence [KY.4.NF.4](#) → [KY.5.NF.4](#) → [KY.6.G.1](#)



# Standards

## Progression- 5th grade

### Standard

### Clarification

KY.5.NF.6 Solve real world problems involving multiplication of fractions and mixed numbers. <b>MP.4, MP.5</b>	<a href="#">KY.5.MD.2</a> Coherence <a href="#">KY.4.NF.4</a> → <a href="#">KY.5.NF.6</a>
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# Standards

## Progression- 5th grade

### Standard

KY.5.NF.7 Apply and extend previous understandings of division to divide unit fractions by whole numbers and whole numbers by unit fractions.

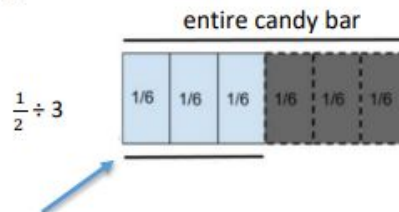
- ✓ a. Interpret division of a unit fraction by a non-zero whole number and compute such quotients.
- ✓ b. Interpret division of a whole number by a unit fraction and compute such quotients.
- ✓ c. Solve real world problems involving division of unit fractions by non-zero whole numbers and division of whole numbers by unit fractions.

**MP.1, MP.4, MP.8**

### Clarification

Students build upon the knowledge of division they gained in grades 3 and 4. Students connect previous understanding of division of whole numbers to divide whole numbers by unit fractions and unit fractions by whole numbers. Division of a fraction by a fraction is not a requirement at grade 5.

- a. Create a story context for  $(\frac{1}{3}) \div 4$  and use a visual fraction model to show the quotient. Use the relationship between multiplication and division to explain that  $(\frac{1}{3}) \div 4 = \frac{1}{12}$  because  $(\frac{1}{12}) \times 4 = \frac{1}{3}$ .
- b. Create a story context for  $4 \div (\frac{1}{5})$  and use a visual fraction model to show the quotient. Use the relationship between multiplication and division to explain that  $4 \div (\frac{1}{5}) = 20$ , because  $20 \times (\frac{1}{5}) = 4$ .
- c. By using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem.



Each child will get one piece. Half to be shared with 3 students.

Coherence [KY.4.NF.4](#) → [KY.5.NF.7](#) → [KY.6.NS.1](#)

# Standards

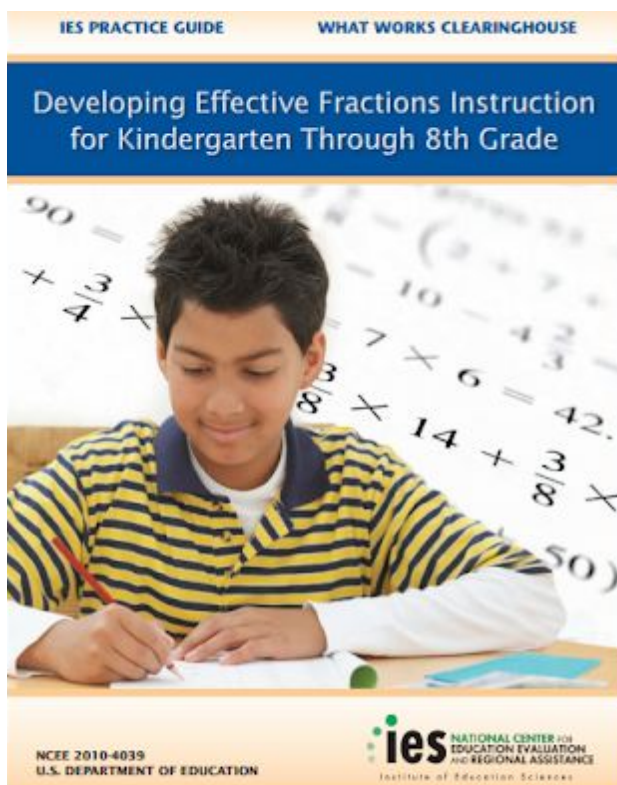
**Apply and extend previous understandings of...**

- multiplication
  - whole numbers to fractions
- division
  - whole numbers to fractions



# Research

**Help students understand why procedures for computations with fractions make sense.**



## Recommendation 3



### Help students understand why procedures for computations with fractions make sense.

*Students are most proficient at applying computational procedures when they understand why those procedures make sense. Although conceptual understanding is foundational for the correct use of procedures, students often are taught computational procedures with fractions without an adequate explanation of how or why the procedures work.*

*Teachers should take the time to provide such explanations and to emphasize how fraction computation procedures transform the fractions in meaningful ways. In other words, they should focus on both conceptual understanding and procedural fluency and should emphasize the connections between them. The panel recommends several practices for developing understanding of computational procedures, including use of visual representations and estimation to reinforce conceptual understanding. Addressing students' misconceptions and setting problems in real-world contexts also can contribute to improved understanding.*

#### Summary of evidence: Moderate Evidence

The panel based this recommendation in large part on three well-designed studies that demonstrated the effectiveness of teaching conceptual understanding when developing students' computational skill with fractions.<sup>23</sup> These studies focused on decimals and were relatively small in scale; however, the panel believes that their results, together with extensive evidence showing that meaningful

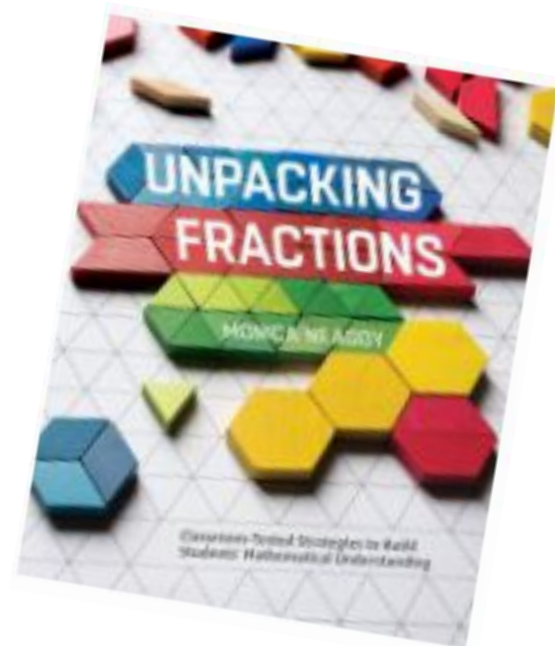
information is remembered much better than meaningless information, provide persuasive evidence for this recommendation.<sup>24</sup> Additional support for the recommendation comes from four studies that showed a positive relation between conceptual and computational knowledge of fractions.<sup>25</sup>

The studies that contributed to the evidence base for this recommendation used computer-based interventions to examine the link

# Research

## Dr. Monica Neagoy

- Teach meaning first, algorithms last.
- I have learned important lessons from practice and research about the long-standing rule-based approach to teaching fractions.
- Students need time to understand fractions, and teachers must be patient and give them time.
- In particular, student need ample experience with constructing new meaning for fractional symbols, working with concrete and visual representations of fractions, connecting these representations, and developing a good sense of the kinds of quantities the symbols may denote.



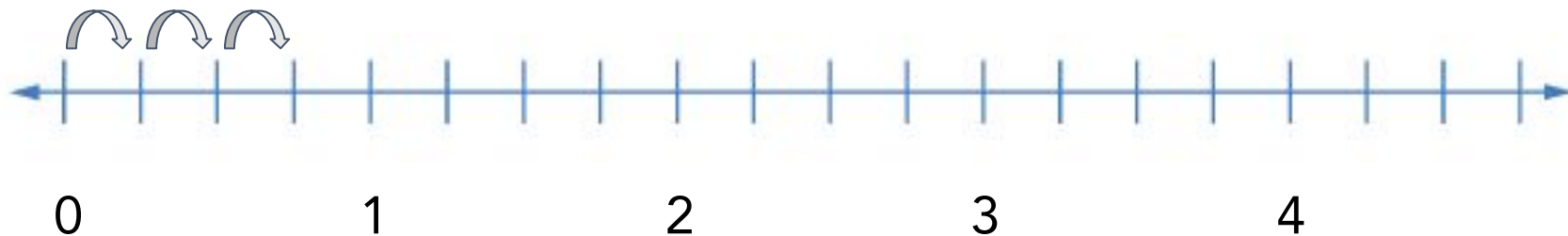
pg. 260

# Apply and Extend

Meaning of Multiplication and Division	
Multiplication	Division
1. Adding equal groups.	1a. Equal or fair sharing (partitive concept)
	1b. Equal grouping or segmenting (quotative, measurement, or repeated subtraction).
2. Increasing or reducing quantities	
3. Moving from factors to product or product to factor	

# Extending From Whole Number

## Skip Counting

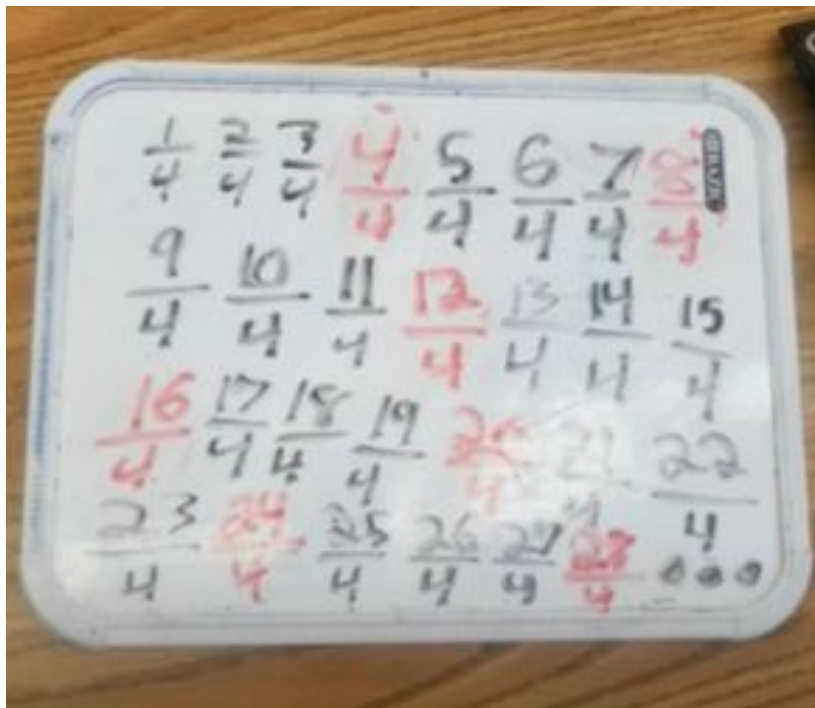


$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$$



# Extending From Whole Number Multiplication

## Skip Counting Activity

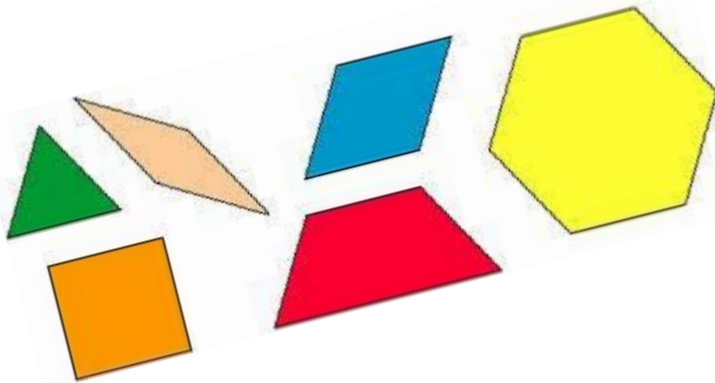


What evidence do you have that students are making sense the skip counting sequence?



# Extending From Whole Number Multiplication

Pattern blocks make an excellent tool for teaching multiplication of fractions.



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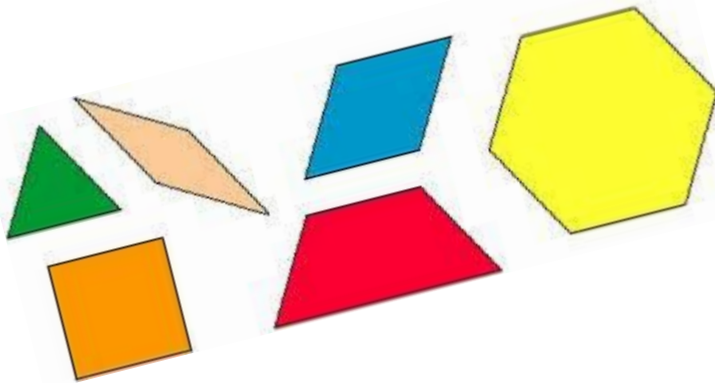
## Multiplying Fractions with Pattern Blocks

The yellow hexagon is equal to 1 whole. Write an addition equation using unit fractions for each given set of pattern blocks. Next, write a multiplication equation to represent the problem and show the total value of each.

- 4 rhombuses
- 3 hexagons
- 9 triangles
- 4 triangles
- 11 trapezoids

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## Exit Ticket

1. If a trapezoid equals one whole, write an addition equation and multiplication equation for 4 green triangles.
2. Write a multiplication sentence to match  $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$ .

# Extending From Whole Number Multiplication

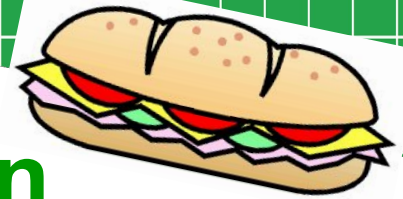
Using context to build understanding of fraction multiplication.

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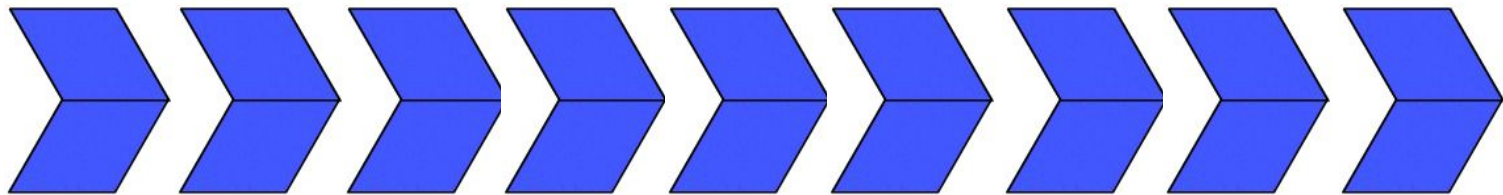
Neagoy, pg 195

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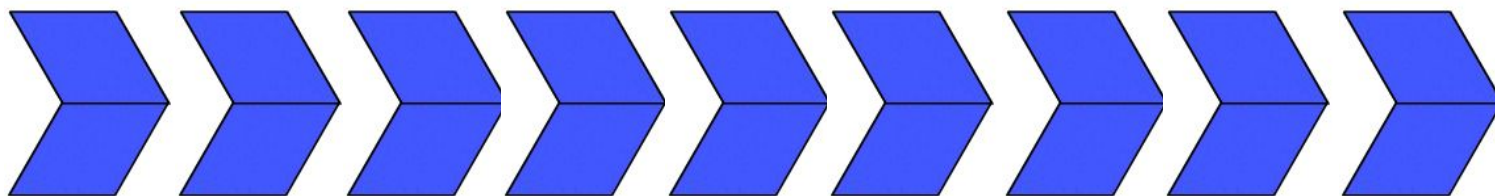
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# Extending From Whole Number Multiplication

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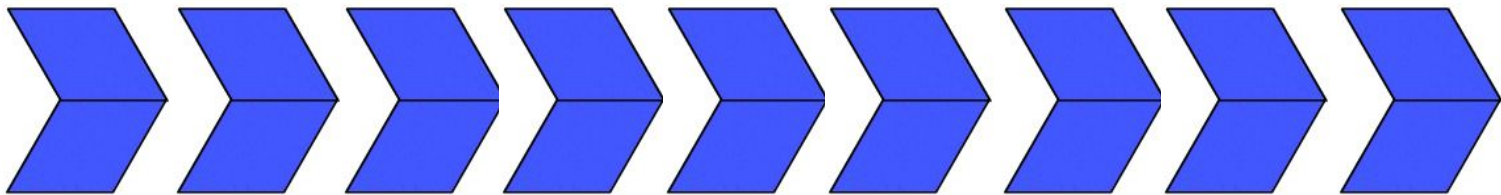


$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{18}{3}$$

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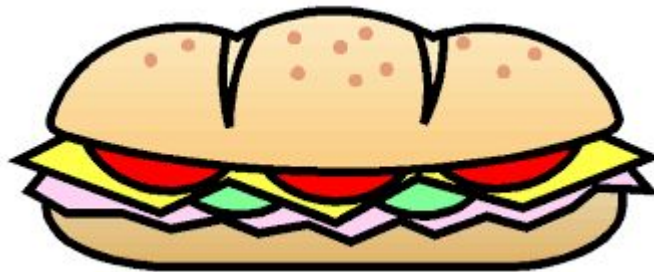


$$\frac{2}{3} \times 9 = 18/3$$

# Extending From Whole Number Multiplication

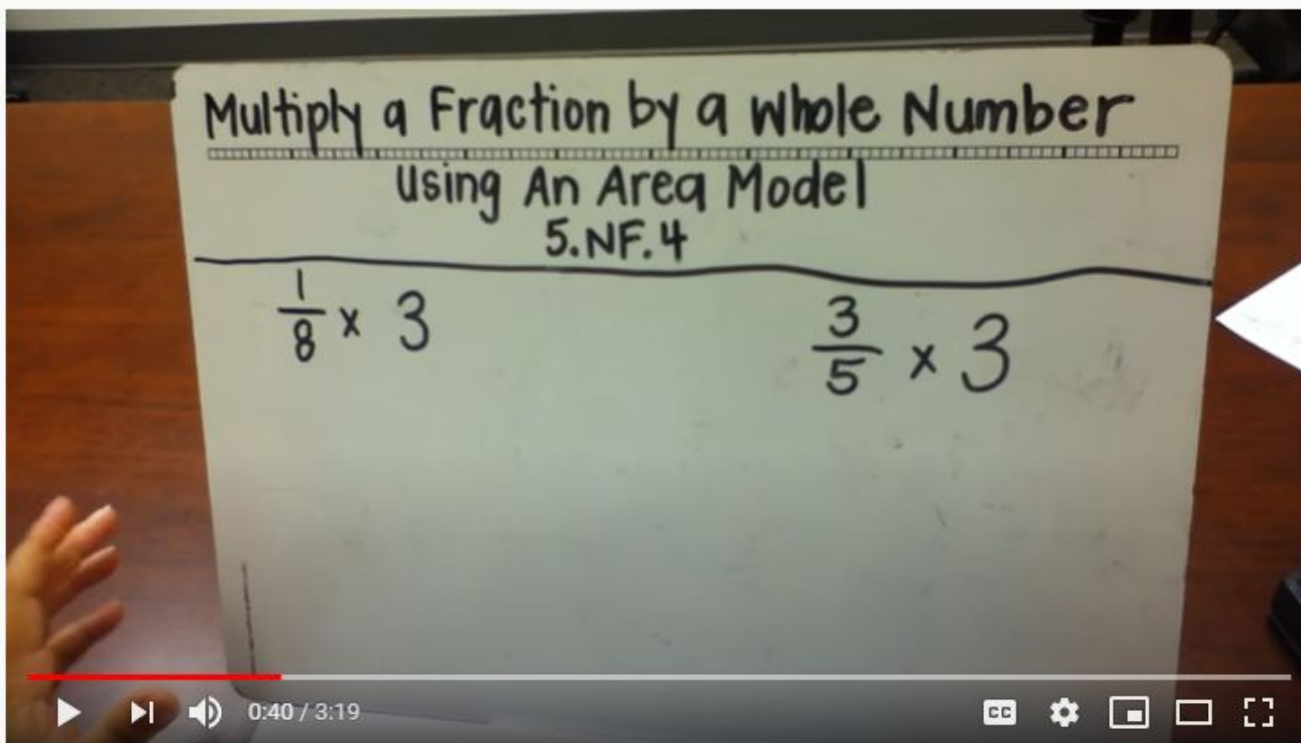
How does linking a real world context with the visual image help kids construct meaning of multiplication of fractions?

Type your answer in the chat or unmute to share your thinking.





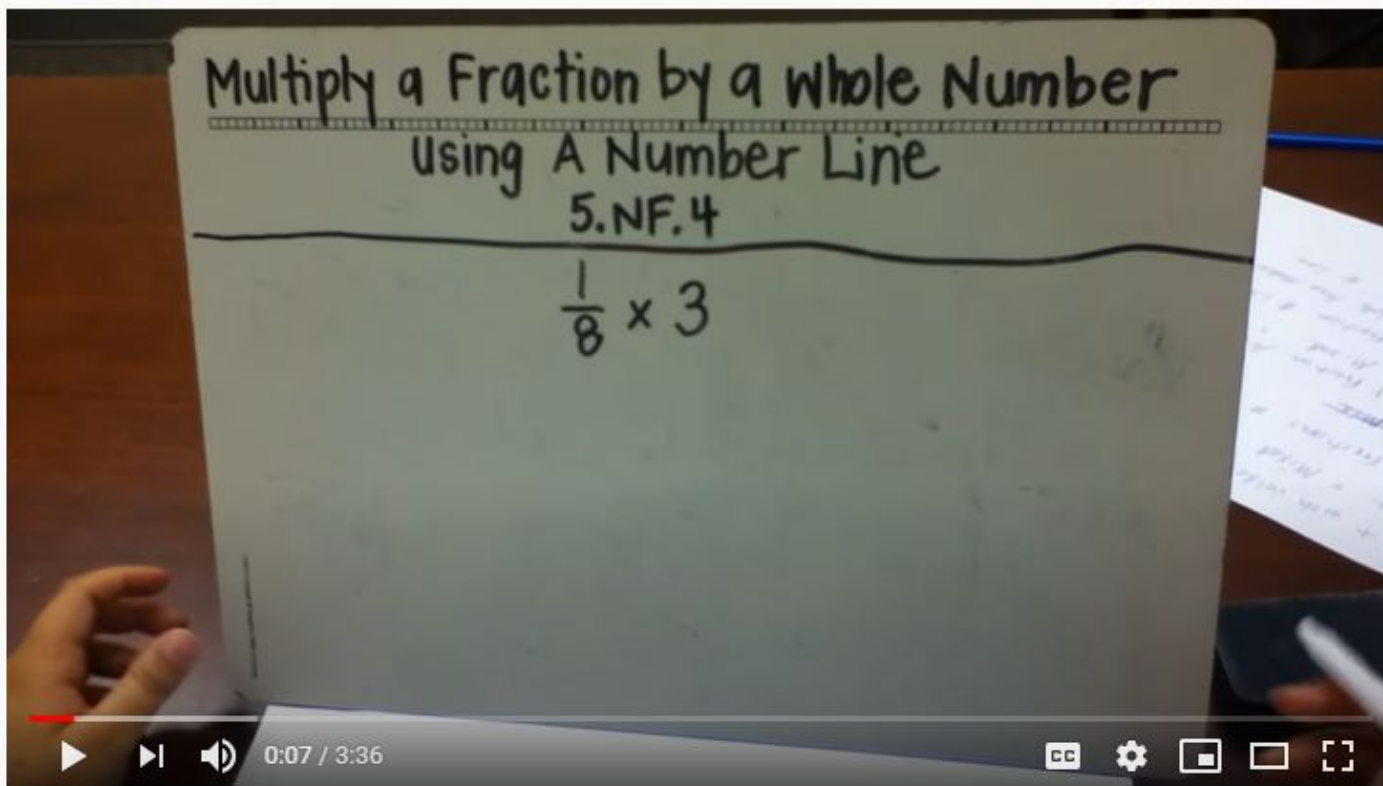
# Multiplication of Fractions



ES 5 Math Multiply Fraction X Whole with Area Models

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cy7I-wT49Y4>

# Multiplication of Fractions



ES 5 Math Multiply Fraction X Whole with Number Lines

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Tx15t8jGZQ&t=86s>

# Multiplication of Fractions

## Blueberry Pancake Party Activity Sheet



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Recipe (<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/20177/todds-famous-blueberry-pancakes/>):

- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cup all-purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of salt
- 1 tablespoon of baking powder
- $1\frac{1}{4}$  tsp of sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoon of butter melted
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup frozen blueberries (thawed)

How much of each ingredient would he need to give everyone a serving of pancakes?

*fraction by a  
whole number*

# Multiplication of Fractions

## Blueberry Pancake Party Activity Sheet

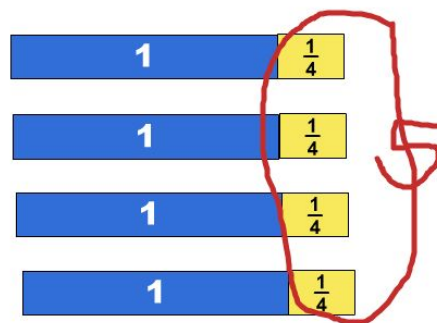
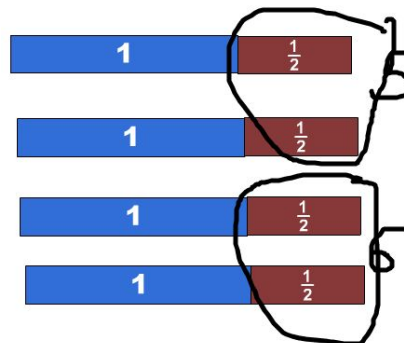


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5 tsp salt

fraction by a  
whole number

# Multiplication of Fractions

## Zach's Zoo Adventure

**Building Fluency:** multiply whole number by a fraction

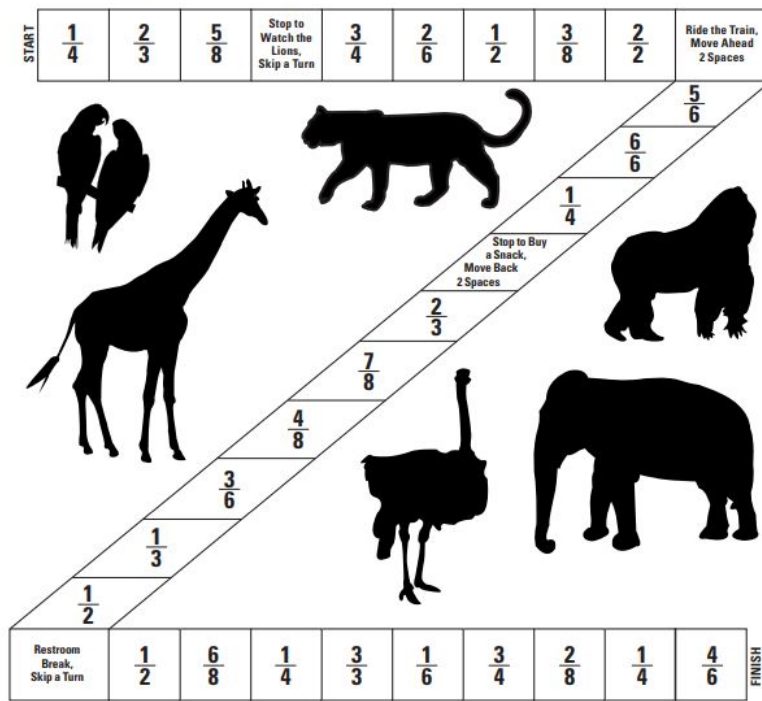
**Materials:** die, gameboard, game marker, calculator -optional

**Number of Players:** 2-4

**Directions:** Zach is visiting the Asheboro Zoo for the day. He needs your help to navigate his way through the zoo.

1. All players begin on "Start". Player 1 rolls the die and multiplies the digit on the die by the fraction their game piece is on.
2. If it is correct (may use calculator to check your work) Player 1 moves forward the number of spaces shown on the die.
3. Players take turns rolling the die and multiplying the digit on the die by the fraction their game piece is on.
4. The first player to cross the finish line wins. Play until every player crosses the finish line. You've helped Zach visit the entire zoo!

**Variation/Extension:** Students can create their own gameboard and/or use a die with larger numbers. Student can record their work on a piece of paper or in math notebook.



fraction by a whole number

# Multiplication of Fractions

## Parts of a Whole

**Building Fluency:** multiplication of whole number by a fractions

**Materials:** whole number die (1-6), fraction circle, and fraction cards or fraction die or spinner

**Number of Players:** 2

**Directions:**

1. Player rolls a standard whole number die, and spins the spinner.
2. The standard die represents the number of groups, and the spinner represents the fraction in each group.  
Example: A roll of 3 on the standard die, and spin  $\frac{1}{4}$  on the spinner would be represented 3 groups with  $\frac{1}{4}$ .
3. Use fraction circles to help determine the product for each round.
4. If your result is 1 or more, you receive a star.
5. Play several rounds and count the stars you have collected.
6. The player with the most stars collected is the winner.

**Variation/Extension:** Student may want to modify fractions on spinner or use a die 0-9. A blank spinner and fraction circles are added for your convenience. Teacher may also want students to add the products. Students may want to write coordinating problems to fit each equation.



### PLAYER 1

ROLL	SPIN	EQUATION

### PLAYER 2

ROLL	SPIN	EQUATION

fraction by a  
whole number



# Multiplication of Fractions

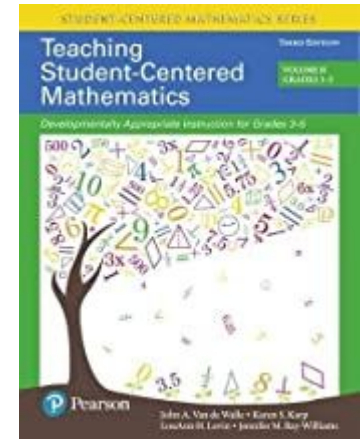
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6 ft

1 ft



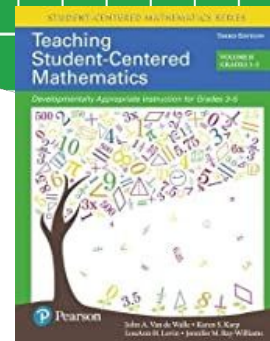
Start with the known.  
Numbers that are familiar.



**whole number  
by a fraction**



# Multiplication of Fractions



How Big is the Banner?

6 ft



$$6 \times \frac{1}{2}$$

Start with the known.  
Numbers that are familiar.

**whole number  
by a fraction**

# Multiplication of Fractions

## Formative Instructional and Assessment Tasks



### Training for a 5K

Molly is training for a 5K. Her goal is to run 10 miles by the end of this week. On Monday, the distance she runs is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of her goal.

**whole number  
by a fraction**

Part 1: How far did Molly run on Monday? Draw a model to show your work.

Part 2: After Monday's run, how far is Molly away from her goal?

Part 3: If Molly runs this same distance each day, when will she reach her goal?

whole number  
by a fraction

# Multiplication of Fractions

## Formative Instructional and Assessment Tasks

**Meets Expectation:** All parts of the tasks are correct and modeled clearly.

Part 1: How far did Molly run on Monday? Use a number line to show your work.

$4 \overline{)10}$   $2\frac{1}{2}$

0 1 2  $2\frac{1}{2}$  3 4 5 6 7  $7\frac{1}{2}$  8 9 10

Part 2: After Monday's run, how far is Molly away from her goal?

$10 - 2 = 8 - 1.5 = 7.5$

$7\frac{1}{2}$

Part 3: If Molly runs this same distance each day, when will she reach her goal?

$2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 8$   
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 $\frac{2}{4} \frac{2}{4} \frac{2}{4} \frac{2}{4} = 2$   
 $\frac{2}{4} \frac{2}{4} \frac{2}{4} \frac{2}{4} = 2$   
 $1 + 1 = 2$

Thursday



**whole number  
by a fraction**

# Multiplication of Fractions

## Formative Instructional and Assessment Tasks

### Chris's Cookies

On Saturday, Chris bakes a batch of 24 cookies. He uses  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the batch of cookies in treat bags for his birthday party.

Part 1:

How many cookies did Chris use in treat bags? Draw a picture and write a sentence to explain your strategy.

whole number  
by a fraction

# Multiplication of Fractions

## Formative Instructional and Assessment Tasks

**Meets Expectation:** The student correctly solves all aspects of the task, and explanation is clear and accurate.

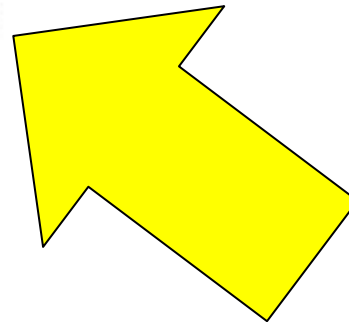
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Chris used  
18 cookies for  
the treat bags.

$$\begin{array}{r} \times 3 \\ 6 \end{array} \frac{3}{4} \text{ of } 24 = \text{pts in treat bags} \\ 18 =$$



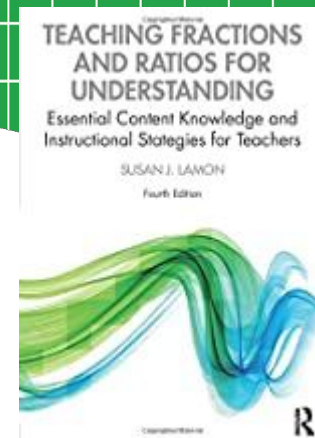
# Multiplication of Fractions

Lamon calls this..  
fractions as operators.

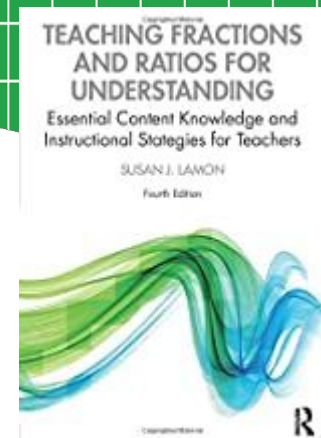
Operators are transformers that

- lengthen or shorten line segments.
- increase or decrease the number of items in a discrete set of objects
- take a figure in the geometric plane, such as a rectangle, and maps it onto a larger or smaller figure of the same shape.

Lamon, pg 201



# Multiplication of Fractions



Troy has  $1\frac{2}{5}$  as many baseball cards as I have. I have 55 cards. How many does Troy have?

I canned 40 pounds of tomatoes last year. Jan did  $\frac{5}{6}$  as many. How many pounds did Jan can?

**How did you use fractions as an operator?**



# Multiplication of Fractions

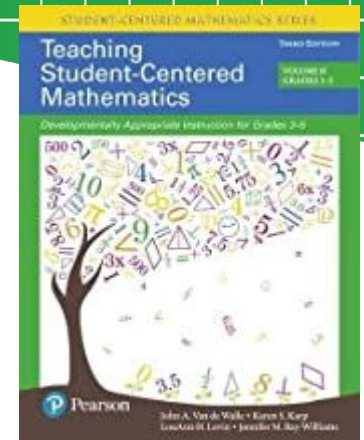
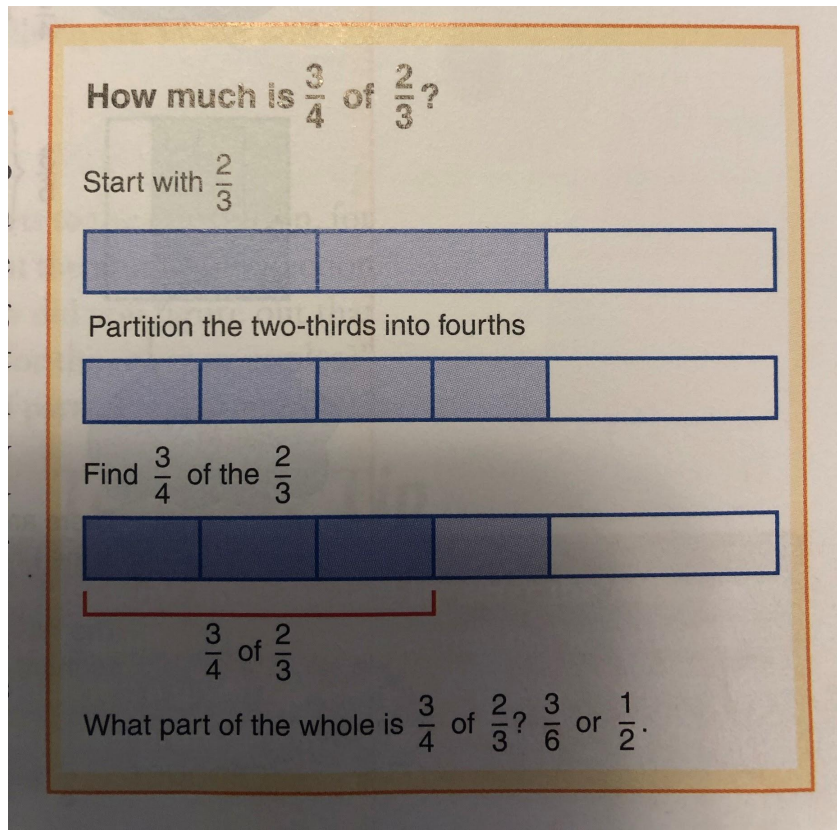
Multiply a Fraction by a Fraction  
Using A Number Line  
5.NF.4

$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4}$$

ES 5 Math Multiply Fraction X Fraction using Number Lines

# Multiplication of Fractions

## Area Model of Multiplication

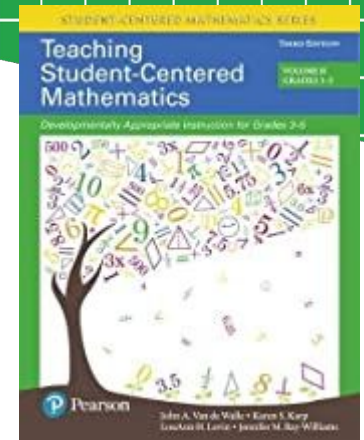
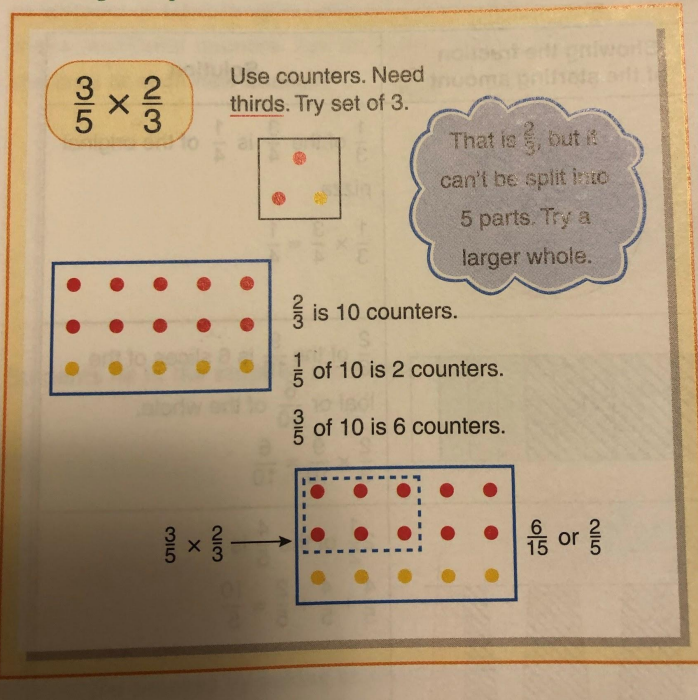


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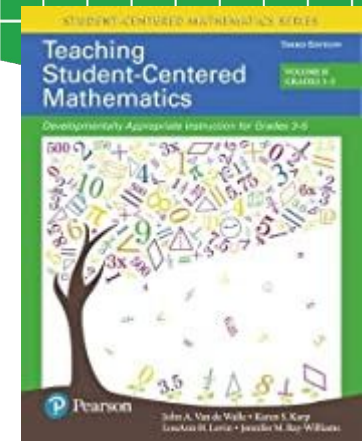
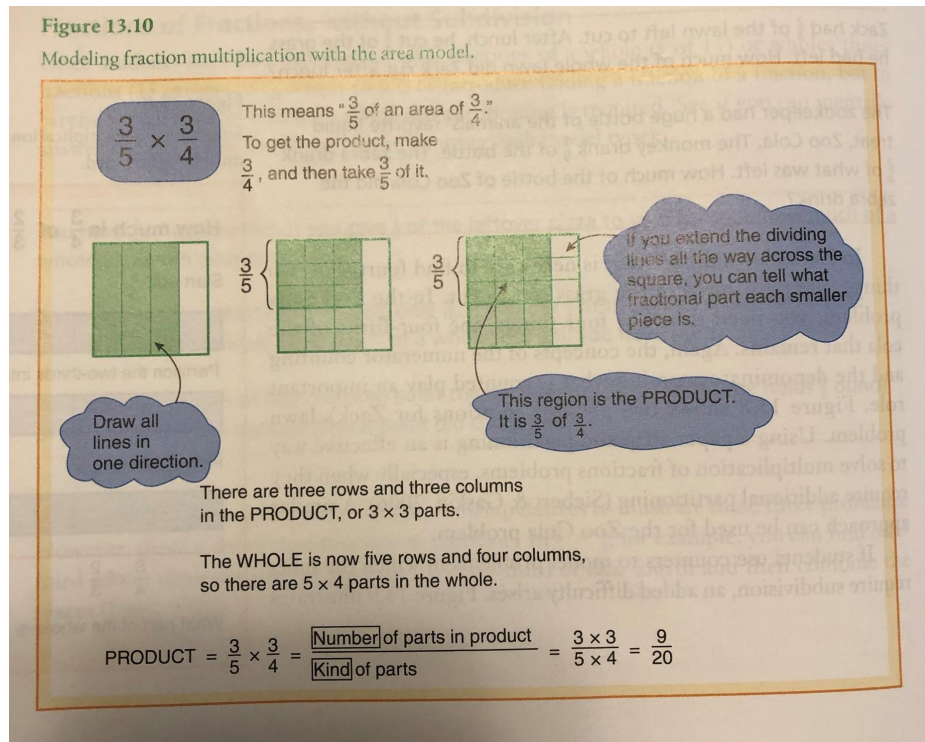
Figure 13.9

Modeling multiplication of fractions with counters.



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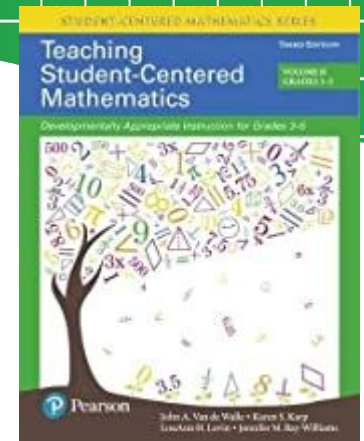
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# Multiplication of Fractions

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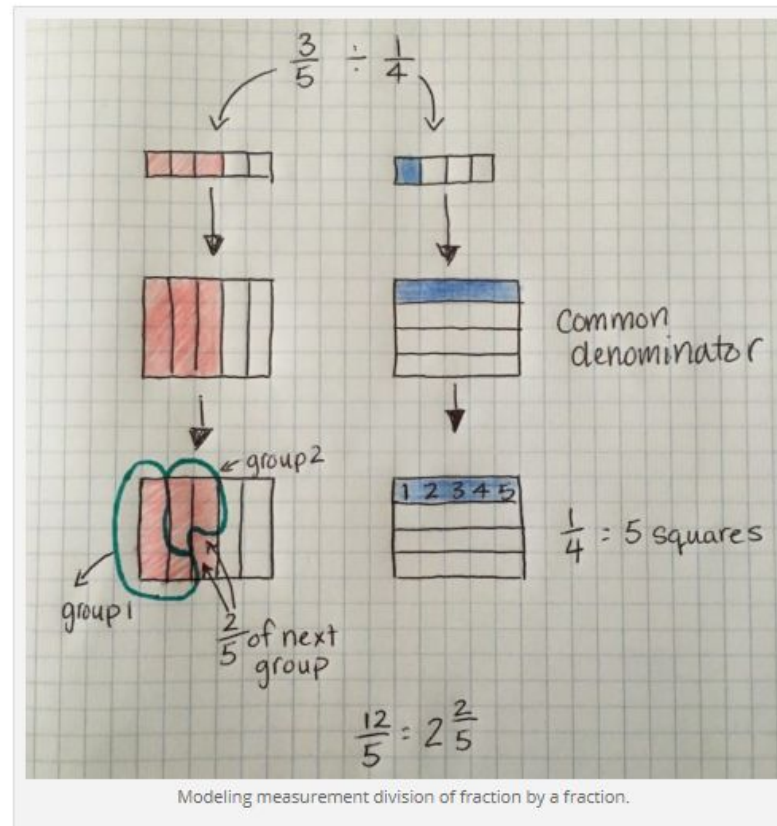
### Teaching Tip

Some textbooks make this sliced-rectangle approach mechanical, such that it actually becomes a meaningless algorithm in itself. Students are told to shade horizontally to show the first factor and shade vertically for the second factor. Without a rationale, they are told that the product is the region that is double-shaded. Such strategies are without meaning and the same as giving students rules to memorize.

Van de Walle, J. A., Karp, K. S., Lovin, L. H., & Bay-Williams, J. M. (2018). *Teaching student-centered mathematics*. New York, NY: Pearson Education.

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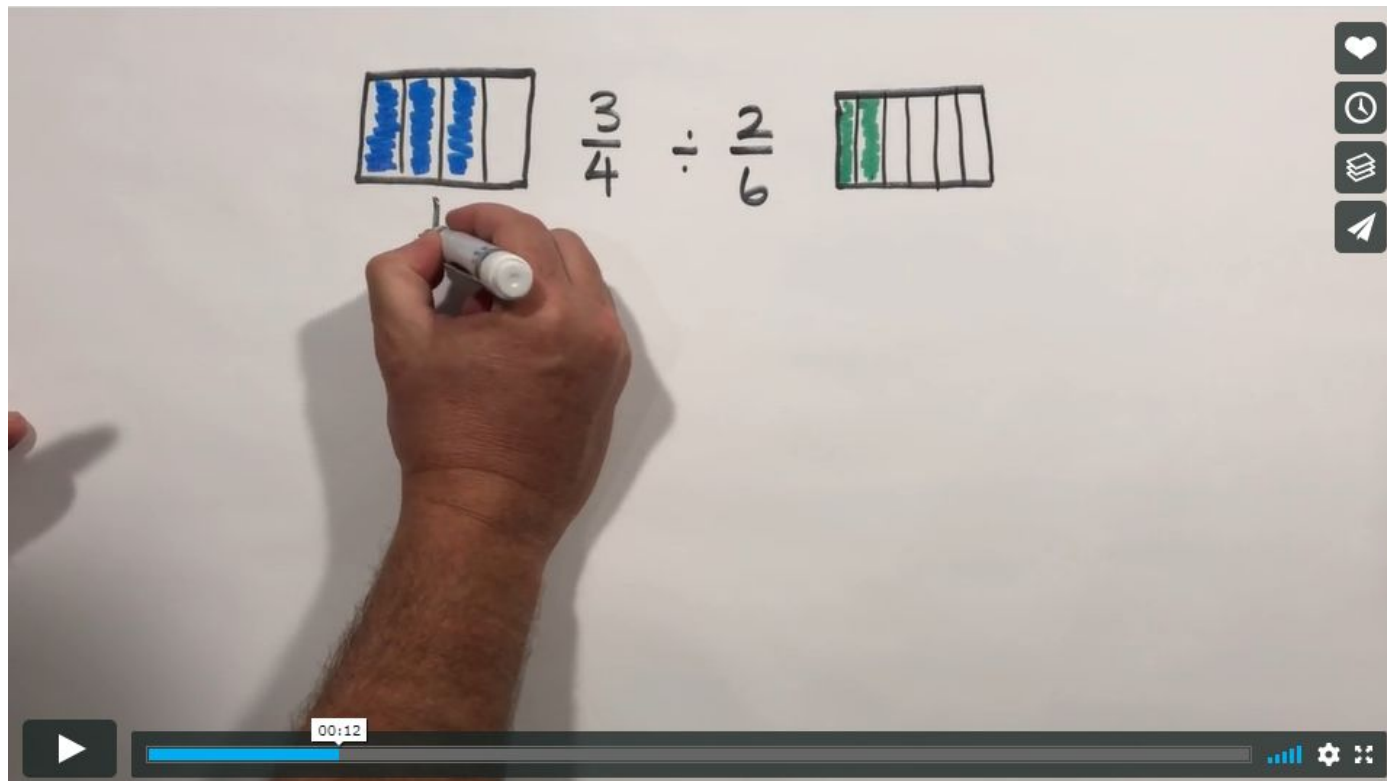
## Graham Fletcher



<https://gfletchy.com/2016/08/02/making-sense-of-invert-and-multiply/>

# Division of Fractions

## Graham Fletcher



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# Summarizer

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# Developing Geometric Thinking

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## Developing Geometric Thinking!

w/ KY Math Leaders

**Monday, May 11** - Geometric Primary Focus

**Tuesday, May 12** - Geometric Intermediate Focus

**Wednesday, May 13** - Conceptual Understanding of Geometric Measurement

**Thursday, May 14** - More Conceptual Understanding of Geometric Measurement

**Friday, May 15** - High School Geometry with Technology Tools

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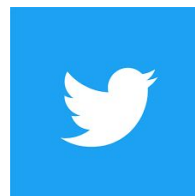
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