

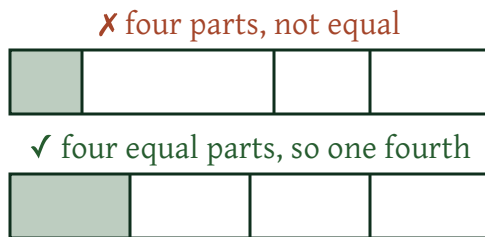


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What a Fraction Is

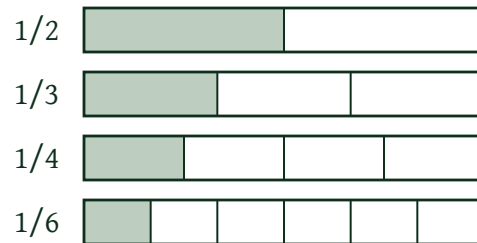
$\frac{3}{4}$ the bottom number cuts one whole into 4 equal parts.
the top number takes 3 of them.

1 Equal Parts, Not Just Parts



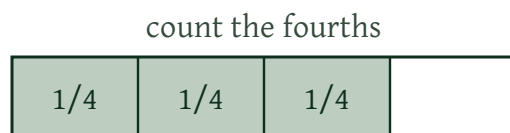
Four parts only make fourths when the parts are the same size.

2 What the Bottom Number Says



It counts the equal parts in one whole. More parts means smaller pieces.

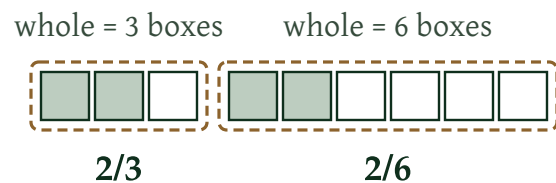
3 What the Top Number Says



$\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ is $\frac{3}{4}$
three pieces of size $\frac{1}{4}$, so three fourths

It counts how many of those equal pieces you have.

4 Say What the Whole Is



the shaded picture never changed. the whole did.

The same picture is $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{2}{6}$, depending on what counts as one whole.