Unit 4: Dividing Fractions Lesson 4: How Many Groups? (Part 1)

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Let's play with blocks and diagrams to think about division with fractions.

4.1: Equal-sized Groups

Write a multiplication equation and a division equation for each statement or diagram.

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- 1. Eight \$5 bills are worth \$40.
- 2. There are 9 thirds in 3 ones.

4.2: Reasoning with Pattern Blocks

Your teacher will give you pattern blocks as shown here. Use them to answer the following questions.





- 1. If a hexagon represents 1 whole, what fraction does each of the following shapes represent? Be prepared to show or explain your reasoning.
 - a. 1 triangle d. 4 triangles g. 1 hexagon and 1 trapezoid
 - b. 1 rhombus e. 3 rhombuses
 - c. 1 trapezoid f. 2 hexagons

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2. Here are Elena's diagrams for $2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 1$ and $6 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 2$. Do you think these diagrams represent the equations? Explain or show your reasoning.



3. Use pattern blocks to represent each multiplication equation. Recall that a hexagon represents 1 whole.

a.
$$3 \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

b. $2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 3$

4. Answer the following questions. If you get stuck, use pattern blocks.

a. How many
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
s are in 4?
b. How many $\frac{2}{3}$ s are in 2?
c. How many $\frac{1}{6}$ s are in $1\frac{1}{2}$?

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Lesson 4 Summary

Some problems that involve equal-sized groups also involve fractions. Here is an example: "How many $\frac{1}{6}$ are in 2?" We can express this question with multiplication and division equations.

 $? \cdot \frac{1}{6} = 2$

 $2 \div \frac{1}{6} = ?$

Pattern-block diagrams can help us make sense of such problems. Here is a set of pattern blocks.





Twelve triangles make 2 hexagons, which means there are 12 groups of $\frac{1}{6}$ in 2.

If we write the 12 in the place of the "?" in the original equations, we have:

$$12 \cdot \frac{1}{6} = 2$$
$$2 \div \frac{1}{6} = 12$$

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- 1. A shopper buys cat food in bags of 3 lbs. Her cat eats $\frac{3}{4}$ lb each week. How many weeks does one bag last?
 - a. Draw a diagram to represent the situation and label your diagram so it can be followed by others. Answer the question.

- b. Write a multiplication or division equation to represent the situation.
- c. Multiply your answer in the first question (the number of weeks) by $\frac{3}{4}$. Did you get 3 as a result? If not, revise your previous work.
- 2. Use the diagram to answer the question: How many $\frac{1}{3}$ s are in $1\frac{2}{3}$? The hexagon represents 1 whole. Explain or show your reasoning.



3. Which question can be represented by the equation $? \cdot \frac{1}{8} = 3?$

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- A. How many 3s are in $\frac{1}{8}$?
- B. What is 3 groups of $\frac{1}{8}$?
- C. How many $\frac{1}{8}$ s are in 3?
- D. What is $\frac{1}{8}$ of 3?
- 4. Write two division equations for each multiplication equation.

a.
$$15 \cdot \frac{2}{5} = 6$$

b. $6 \cdot \frac{4}{3} = 8$
c. $16 \cdot \frac{7}{8} = 14$

5. Noah and his friends are going to an amusement park. The total cost of admission for 8 students is \$100, and all students share the cost equally. Noah brought \$13 for his ticket. Did he bring enough money to get into the park? Explain your reasoning.

(from Unit 4, Lesson 2)

- 6. Write a division expression with a quotient that is:
 - a. greater than $8 \div 0.001$
 - b. less than $8 \div 0.001$
 - c. between $8 \div 0.001$ and $8 \div \frac{1}{10}$

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(from Unit 4, Lesson 1)			
7. Find each unknown number.			
a. 12 is 150% of what number?	d. 5%	6 of what number is 72?	
b. 5 is 50% of what number?	e. 20	is 80% of what number?	
c. 10% of what number is 300?			
(from Unit 3, Lesson 14)			