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What is a fraction?

This pizza has been cut into three equal parts. We call these thirds. A third is written as $\frac{1}{3}$



The whole pizza cut into three equal parts gives us three thirds. Think about just one slice. We can write this using a fraction $\frac{1}{3}$.



Think about two slices. Two slices is two thirds. We can write two thirds as $\frac{2}{3}$



$$\frac{2}{3}$$

The top number of the fraction tells us how many slices we have.

We call it the **numerator**.

The bottom number tells us how many parts in the whole pizza.

We call it the **denominator**.

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