

Skillswise factsheet

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Fractions in words



You might see fractions in shops, on bills, in newspapers and recipes. It's a good idea to recognise fractions when they are written as words.

fraction	word	plural
$\frac{1}{2}$	One half (A half)	halves
$\frac{1}{3}$	One third	thirds
$\frac{1}{4}$	One quarter	quarters
$\frac{1}{5}$	One fifth	fifths
$\frac{1}{6}$	One sixth	sixths
$\frac{1}{7}$	One seventh	sevenths
$\frac{1}{8}$	One eighth	eighths
$\frac{1}{9}$	One ninth	ninths
$\frac{1}{10}$	One tenth	tenths

It's easy really to make the words, apart from the first four. All the other fractions are like the numbers but with a 'th' sound added at the end.

Even easier is making the plurals, as long as you are careful with the plural of $\frac{1}{2}$.

Just put an 's' on the end of the other fractions.

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