

# Skillswise factsheet

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## More fractions in words

How do you write **three quarters** in figures?

One quarter would be  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Three quarters is written  $\frac{3}{4}$ . The 3 on the top of  $\frac{3}{4}$  tells us we have 3 of the  $\frac{1}{4}$

One tenth is written  $\frac{1}{10}$ . How do you write three tenths? You write it with a 3 on the top to show you have three lots of  $\frac{1}{10}$ . So three tenths is written  $\frac{3}{10}$

Here are some more examples of fractions in words.

words	figures			words	figures
one quarter	$\frac{1}{4}$			three quarters	$\frac{3}{4}$
two fifths	$\frac{2}{5}$			three eighths	$\frac{3}{8}$
four fifths	$\frac{4}{5}$			two thirds	$\frac{2}{3}$

Can you see how it works? The first number goes on the top, the second number on the bottom.

## Mixing whole numbers and fractions

Suppose a film lasts one and a half hours. How do you write this in figures? You write the 1 then the half, like this

$$1 \frac{1}{2} \text{ hours}$$

The same with other mixes of whole numbers and fractions.

$$\text{two and a quarter} = 2 \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{one and three quarters} = 1 \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{one and two thirds} = 1 \frac{2}{3}$$

So what is this number:  $99 \frac{9}{10}$  ?

It's **ninety nine** and a fraction. The fraction has a 10 on the bottom so it's some tenths. There is a 9 on the top of the fraction so it's **nine tenths**. So the number is **ninety nine and nine tenths**

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