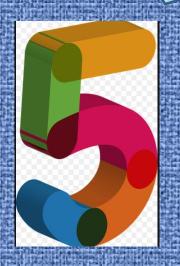


Starter activity

Can you count out loud in 2's?
Can you say doubles of the numbers below?











Finding a half

Let's see how well you know this topic...

Start



Finding a half

Finding a **half** means finding one of two equal parts.



Example 1:

Layla and Bobbi want to share a pizza. How could they slice the pizza so they each get an equal piece?









If they cut it through the middle of the pizza, you can see that they each get an equal piece, or a **half**.



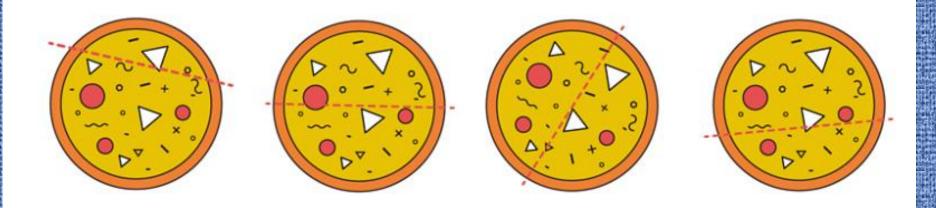






Now look at the pizzas below. You can see some different ways that they could have cut the pizza.

Which of these have been cut into halves correctly?



The two pizzas in the middle have been split into equal halves.

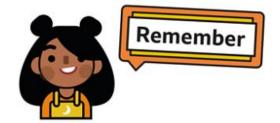
However, you can see that the first pizza and the last pizza have **not** been split equally, so they are not halves.

Finding half of an amount

You can find half of an amount of objects too.

To find half, you need to count how many in the whole first.

Then share the total number into two equal groups. Half is the number in one group.



Example 2:

Here are some apples. Can you count how many there are in total?



There are 12 apples in total.

How many apples make half of 12?



By sharing the apples into two equal groups, you can see there are 6 apples in each group.

Top tip

Count the total before you share into two equal groups.



Practise

Activity 1

Fetch an adult to help you complete this activity

Treasure hunt

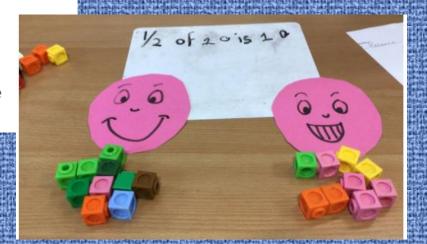
Ask the child to collect piles of different items from around the house, such as building blocks, teddies, shoes, or pencils. They need to collect more than one of each item.

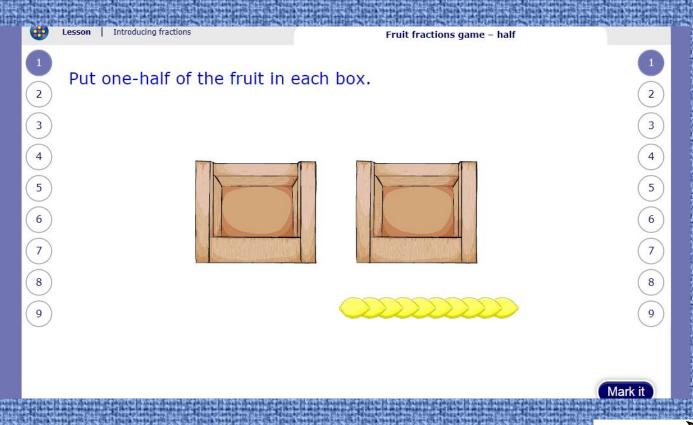
Put the items in a pile and then challenge the child to share each pile equally between the two of you. Some piles of objects will be shared out in whole numbers, but you might have some interesting conversations about why this isn't true for all numbers of things.

Do they notice anything about the numbers which end up with you having a different number of items each?

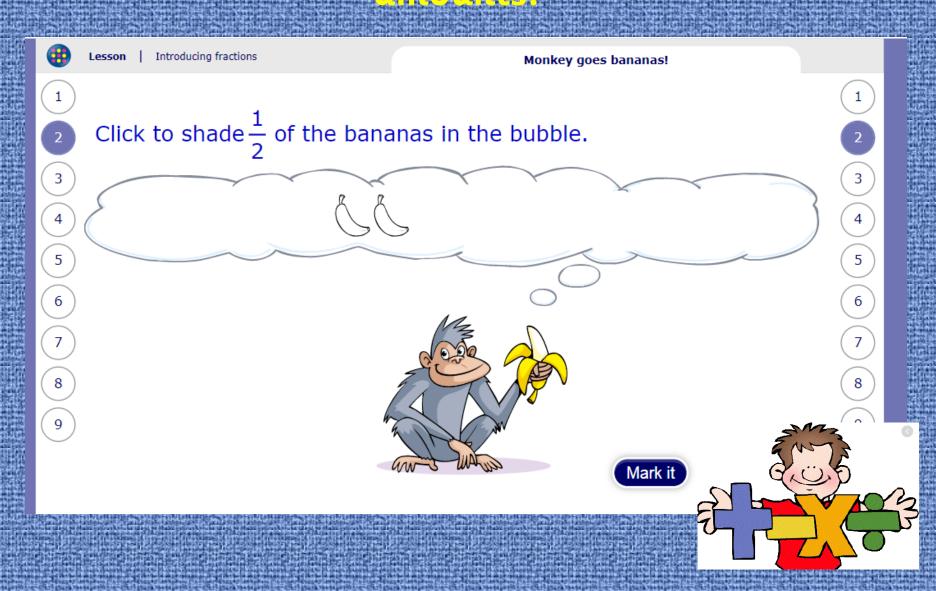
Once the items are shared between you, ask them to count each item to make sure that you have half each.











Lesson Introducing fractions			Pairs game		
Match tiles with the same value.					2
4	half of 8	half of 16	half of 4	half of 14	3
6	half of 20	half of 10	6	10	6
7	half of 6	2	half of 12	7	7
9	5	8	4	3	9

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