

Fractions: parts, wholes and comparisons

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Go to https://www.mathplayground.com/tb_fractions/index.html

1. Do a few **find a part** problems. Show how to solve the following problem using this strategy:

Allison made 60 cookies; $\frac{7}{12}$ of the cookies were sugar cookies and the rest were chocolate chip. How many were sugar cookies?

2. Do a few **find the total** problems. Show how to solve the following problem using this strategy:

The drama club sold 36 cupcakes at the bake sale. The cupcakes were $\frac{4}{9}$ of the total items sold at the bake sale. How many items did they sell?

3. Do a few **find the other part** problems. Show how to solve the following problem using this strategy:

Chad spent $\frac{5}{8}$ of his money on concert tickets. He has \$120 left. How much did he spend on the tickets?

Now use the fraction bars:

https://www.mathplayground.com/Fraction_bars.html to compare these pairs of fractions.

What do you notice about all of these pairs that makes one larger than the other?
(Without finding a common denominator, what do you notice about the size of the fraction bars that would help you figure out which is larger)?

$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{1}{14}$
$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{2}{10}$
$\frac{3}{11}$	$\frac{3}{10}$
$\frac{7}{16}$	$\frac{7}{15}$
$\frac{2}{11}$	$\frac{2}{13}$

What do you notice about all of these pairs that makes one larger than the other?
(Without finding a common denominator, what do you notice about the size of the fraction bars that would help you figure out which is larger)?

$\frac{6}{7}$	$\frac{7}{8}$
$\frac{14}{15}$	$\frac{13}{14}$
$\frac{8}{9}$	$\frac{9}{10}$
$\frac{9}{11}$	$\frac{8}{10}$
$\frac{14}{16}$	$\frac{13}{15}$
$\frac{9}{11}$	$\frac{11}{13}$