

4-4: Learning Goals

- Let's play with blocks and diagrams to think about division with fractions.

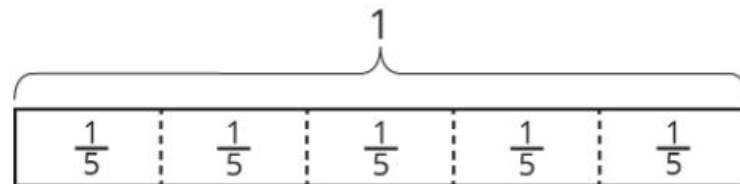
4-4-1: Equal-sized Groups

Write a multiplication equation and a division equation for each statement or diagram.

1. Eight \$5 bills are worth \$40.

2. There are 9 thirds in 3 ones.

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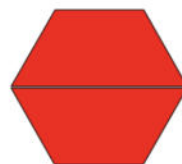


4-4-2: Reasoning with Pattern Blocks

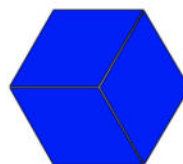
Your teacher will give you pattern blocks as shown here. Use them to answer the following questions.



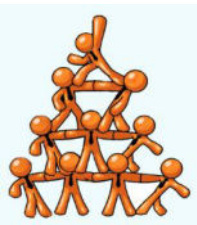
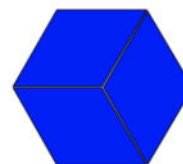
1. If a hexagon represents 1 whole, what fraction do each of the following shapes represent? Be prepared to show or explain your reasoning.
 - a. 1 triangle
 - b. 1 rhombus
 - c. 1 trapezoid
 - d. 4 triangles
 - e. 3 rhombuses
 - f. 2 hexagons
 - g. 1 hexagon and 1 trapezoid
2. Here are Elena's diagrams for $2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 1$ and $6 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 2$. Do you think these diagrams represent the equations? Explain or show your reasoning.



$$2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 1$$



$$6 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 2$$



4-4-2: Reasoning with Pattern Blocks

3. Use pattern blocks to represent each multiplication equation. Recall that a hexagon represents 1 whole.

a. $3 \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$

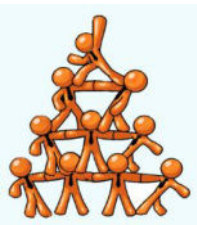
b. $2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 3$

4. Answer the following questions. If you get stuck, use pattern blocks.

a. How many $\frac{1}{2}$ s are in 4?

b. How many $\frac{2}{3}$ s are in 2?

c. How many $\frac{1}{6}$ s are in $1\frac{1}{2}$?



4-4: Lesson Synthesis

- How do we know which number represents the size of a group, and which represents a total?
- How do diagrams or pattern blocks help us find the answers to these questions?
- What equations can we write to represent the question “how many $\frac{3}{4}$ s are in 6”?



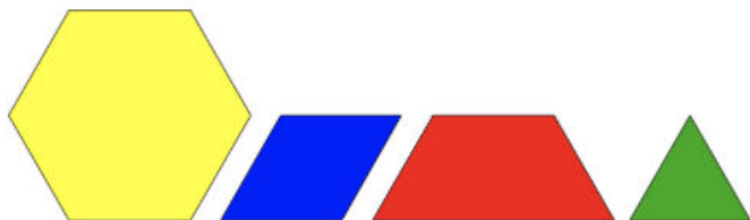
4-4: Learning Targets

- I can use diagrams and multiplication and division equations to represent “how many groups?” questions.
- I can find how many groups there are when the amount in each group is not a whole number.



4-4-3: Halves, Thirds, and Sixths

1. The hexagon represents 1 whole.



Draw a pattern-block diagram that represents the equation $4 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 1\frac{1}{3}$.

2. Answer the following questions. If you get stuck, use pattern blocks.

a. How many $\frac{1}{2}$ s are in $3\frac{1}{2}$?

b. How many $\frac{1}{3}$ s are in $2\frac{2}{3}$?

c. How many $\frac{1}{6}$ s are in $\frac{2}{3}$?

