

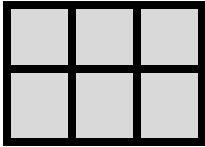
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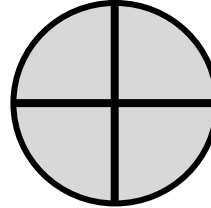
## Express Whole Numbers as Fractions - Step-by-Step Lesson

**Write a fraction for the shaded parts of each shape below.**

a.



b.



### Explanation:

Fractions are a way to display the number of parts of a whole that something has.

A fraction consists of two parts:  $\frac{\text{numerator}}{\text{denominator}}$

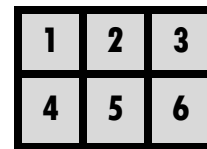
The numerator tells us how many parts we are thinking of.

The denominator tells us how many parts it takes to make the whole.

a. 6 parts are shaded, so we are thinking of 6 parts (numerator).

We can also see that this object has 6 total parts (denominator).

$$\frac{\text{numerator}}{\text{denominator}} = \frac{6}{6} \quad (\text{We can also see that } 6/6 = 1 \text{ whole})$$



b. 4 parts are shaded, so we are thinking of 4 parts (numerator).

We can also see that this object has 4 total parts (denominator).

$$\frac{\text{numerator}}{\text{denominator}} = \frac{4}{4} \quad (\text{We can also see that } 4/4 = 1 \text{ whole})$$

