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Comparing The Size of Fractional Products - Guided Lesson Explanation

## Explanation\#1

Step 1) First, we look to see what is being asked of us.

1) "Shade in the bars $2 / 3$ of $1 / 2$."

Step 2) 2/3 of $1 / 2$
$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3}=$
Cancel the common factor.

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\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3}=\frac{1}{1} \times \frac{1}{3}=\frac{1}{3}
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Step 3)


Answer is $\frac{1}{3}$

## Explanation\#2

Richard has a 16 pieces of orange candy bar.
He gives Alvarez ¼
$16 \times 1 / 4$
$=4$ orange candy bar
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Alvarez has 4 pieces of orange candy bar. As we see below:

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## Explanation\#3

$2 / 4$ of $1 / 2$
$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{4}=$
Cancel the common factor
$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{4}=\frac{1}{1} \times \frac{1}{4}=\frac{1}{4}$
Step 3)


Answer is $\frac{1}{4}$

