





Estimating fractions

When you're sharing or dividing items into fractions you can estimate - or guess - the amount. If you have four friends around for a pizza you probably don't spend time measuring each quarter exactly! Often when using fractions you estimate measurements, for example when you split food up into pieces:



You estimate halves and quarters in everyday life. Sometimes you use them to compare sizes, or to describe something. For example:

 <p>The child is about half, or $\frac{1}{2}$, the height of the man.</p>	 <p>There's about a quarter, or $\frac{1}{4}$, off the price in the sales!</p>
 <p>My train will be about a quarter of an hour late.</p>	 <p>The glass is half full. Or are you the type of person who would say the glass is half empty?</p>

When else have you used fractions in everyday life?