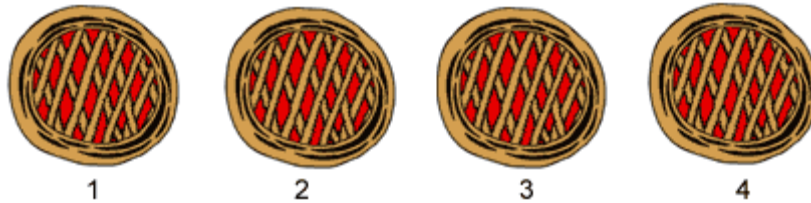


What is a fraction?

It's simple to count whole things like these pies.



There are four whole pies here.

But what if we take away one part of a pie - like this?



The pie has been cut into four **equal** parts. One part has been taken away. Each piece of pie is a part of the whole pie.

A fraction is part of something.

This is how we write fractions:



$$\frac{3}{4}$$

Three pieces of pie are left.

The pie is cut into 4 equal pieces.

We say this fraction is three quarters.

This is how much pie has been taken away:



$$\frac{1}{4}$$

One piece of pie was taken away.

The pie is cut into 4 equal pieces.

We say this fraction is one quarter.