



More fractions in words

How do you write **three quarters** in figures?

One quarter would be $\frac{1}{4}$. Three quarters is written $\frac{3}{4}$. The 3 on the top of $\frac{3}{4}$ tells us we have 3 lots of the $\frac{1}{4}$.

One tenth is written $\frac{1}{10}$. How do you write three tenths? You write it with a 3 on the top to show you have three lots of $\frac{1}{10}$. So three tenths is written $\frac{3}{10}$.

Here are some more examples of fractions in words.

Words	Figures			Words	Figures
one quarter	$\frac{1}{4}$			three quarters	$\frac{3}{4}$
two fifths	$\frac{2}{5}$			three eighths	$\frac{3}{8}$
four fifths	$\frac{4}{5}$			two thirds	$\frac{2}{3}$

Can you see how it works? The first number goes on the top, the second number on the bottom.

Mixing whole numbers and fractions

Suppose a film lasts one and a half hours. How do you write this in figures? You write the 1 then the half, like this, $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

It's the same with other mixes of whole numbers and fractions. For example:

- two and a quarter written in figures is $2\frac{1}{4}$
- one and three quarters written in figures is $1\frac{3}{4}$
- one and two thirds written in figures is $1\frac{2}{3}$

Have a look at this number: $99\frac{9}{10}$. It's **ninety nine** and a fraction. The fraction has a 10 on the bottom so it's tenths. There is a 9 on the top of the fraction so it's **nine tenths**. So the number written in words is **ninety nine and nine tenths**.