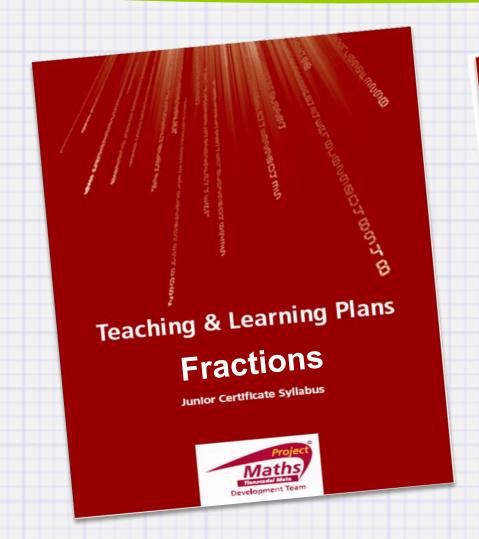
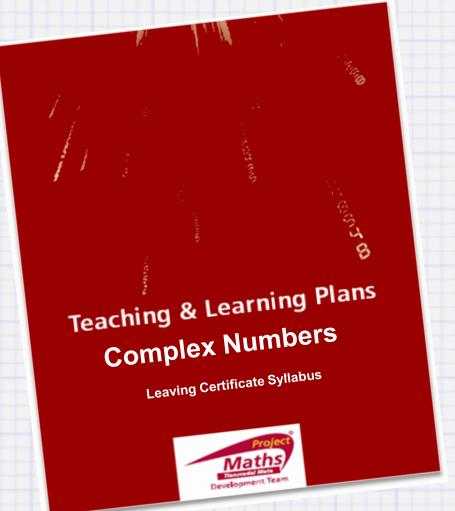
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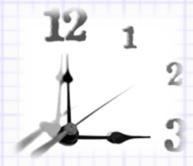




### Fractions are Easy!

- Half a cup of tea
- Quarter of an hour
- Three quarters full







#### Point to Ponder!

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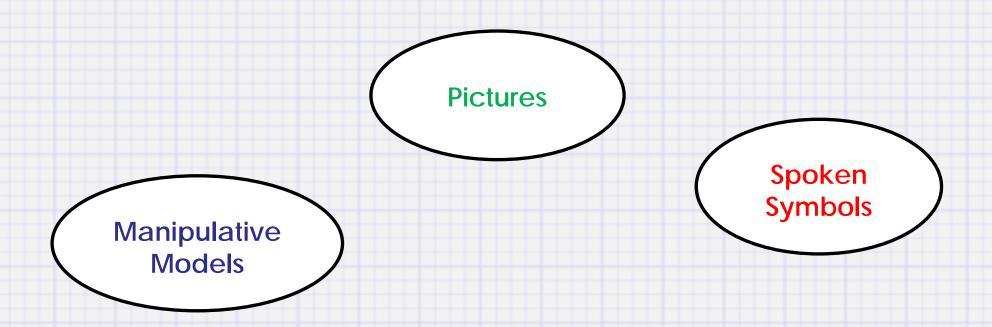
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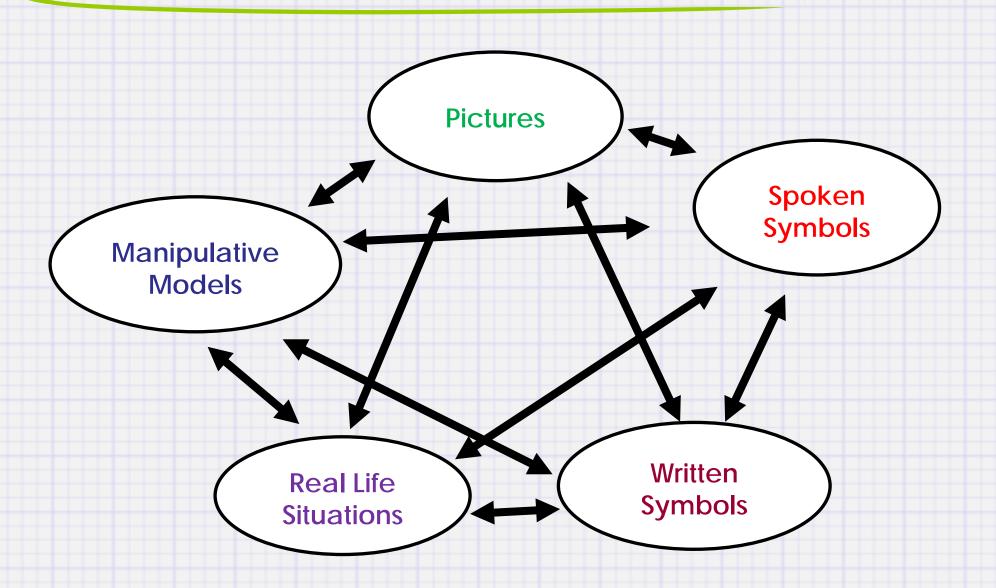
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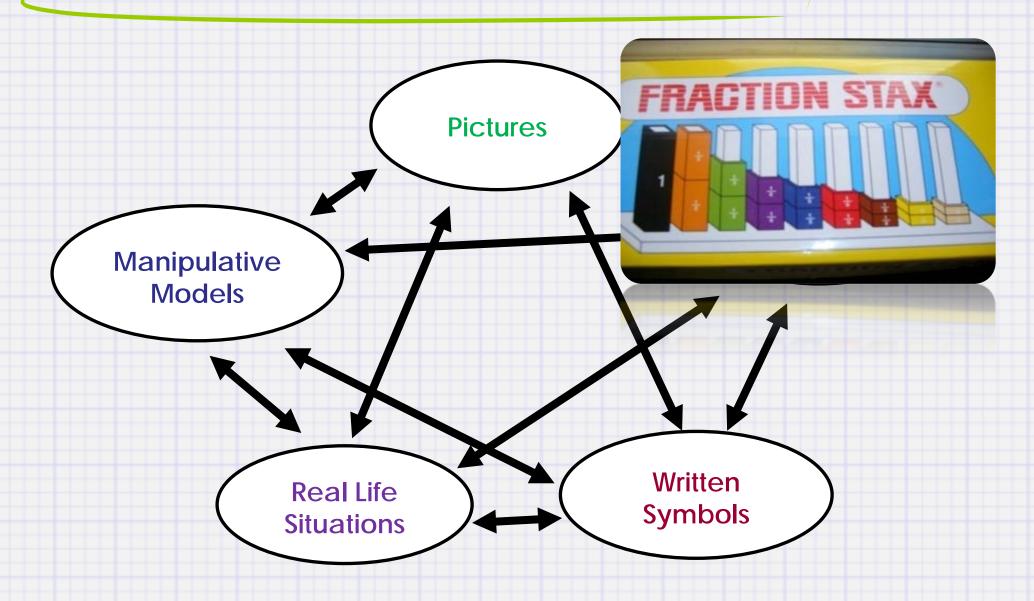
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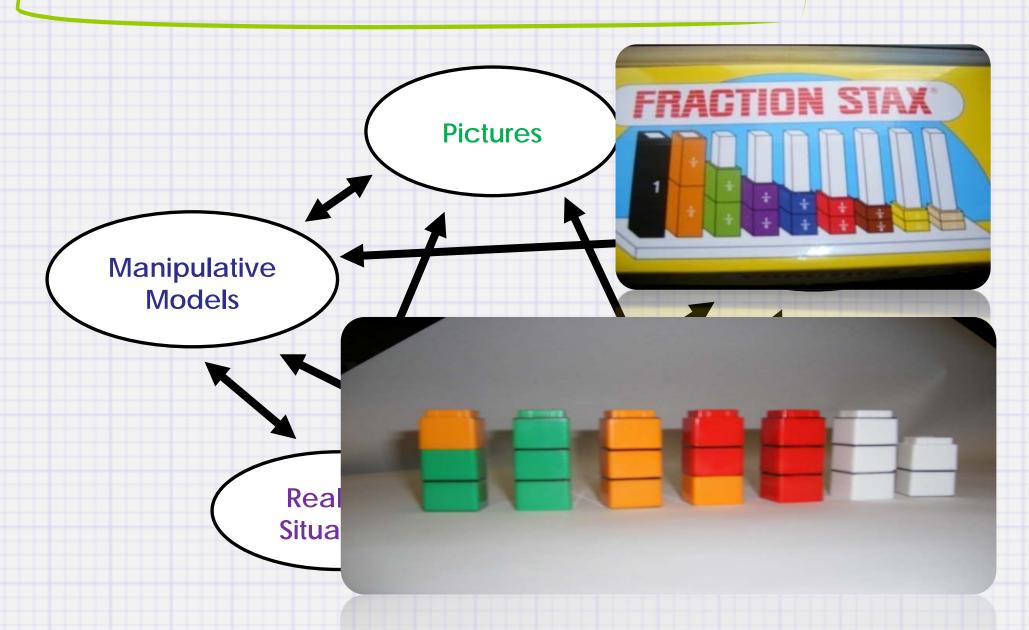
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Real Life Situations







#### Unifix Cubes

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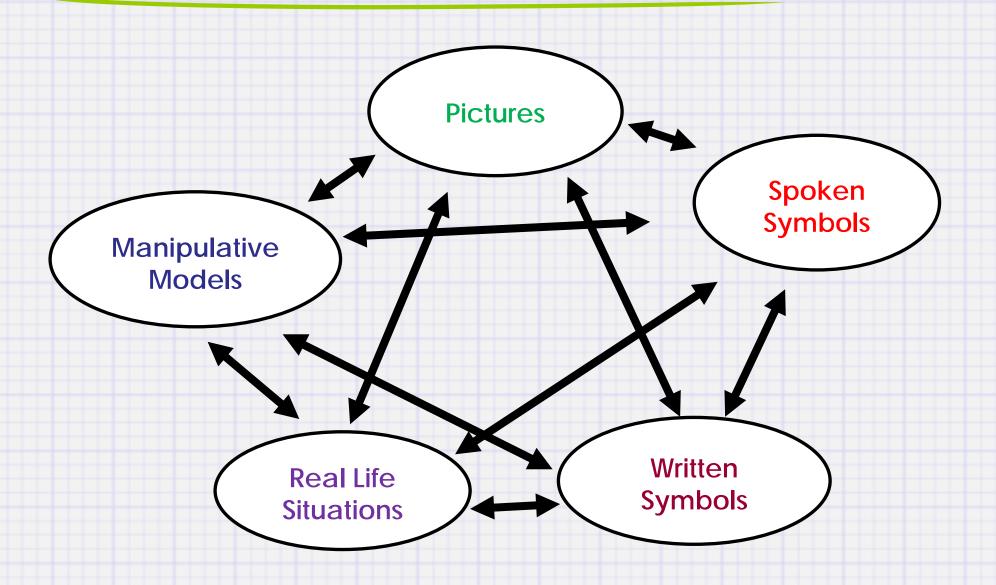
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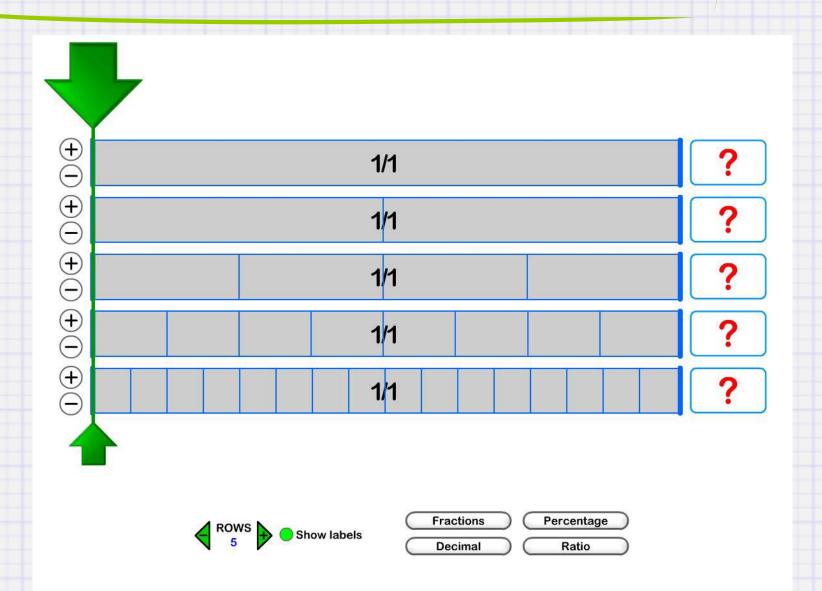
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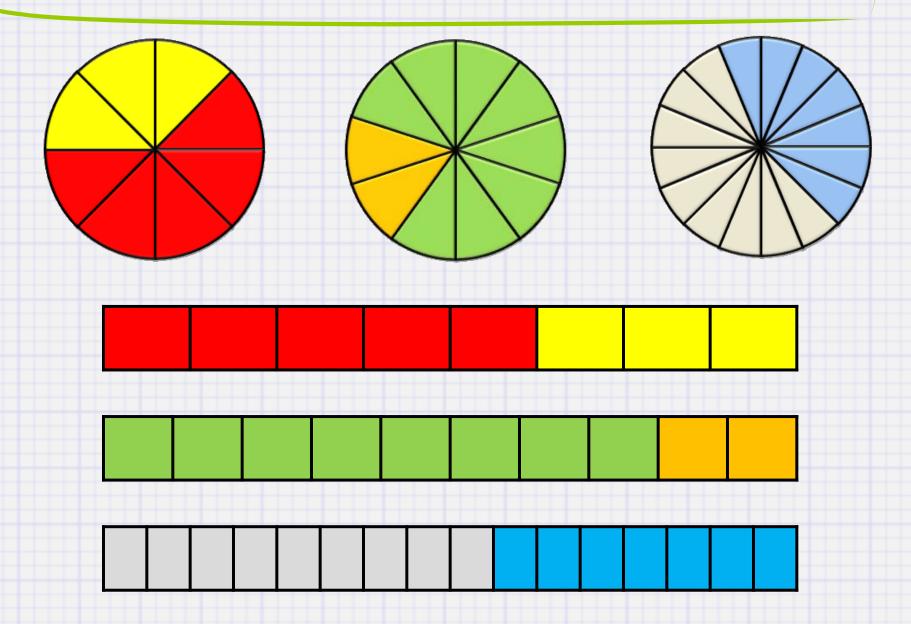


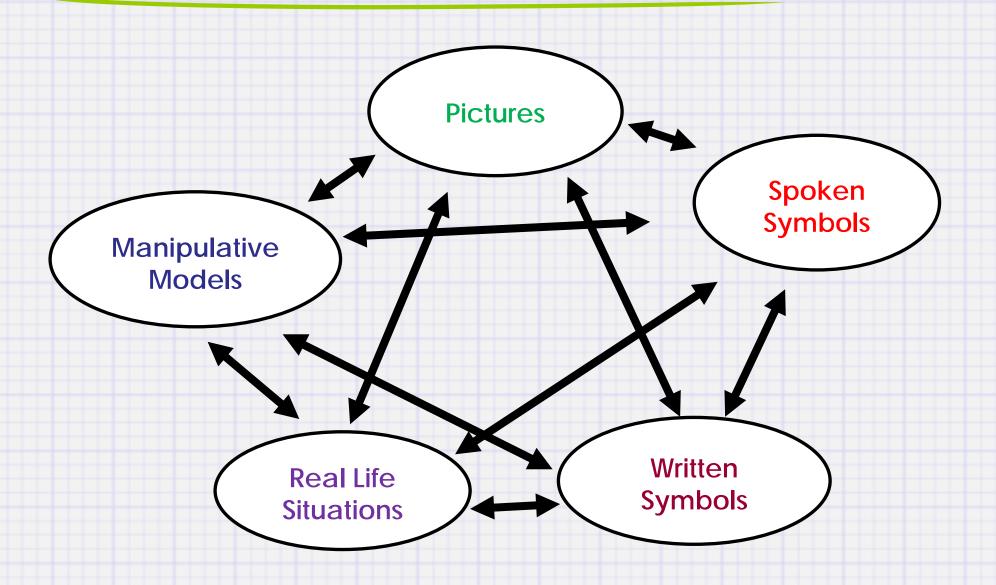


### Fraction Wall



# Fraction Strips & Fraction Circles





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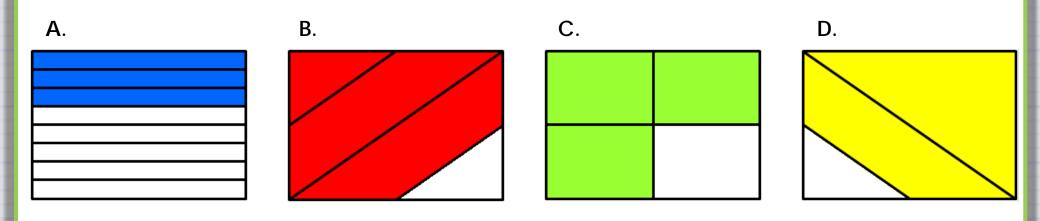
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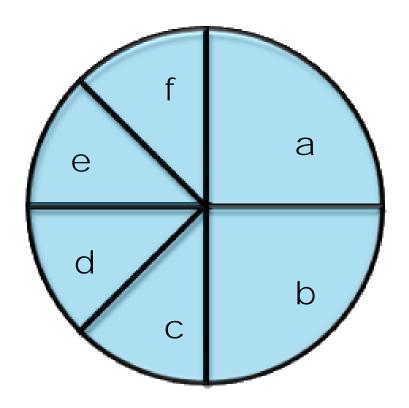
Is it more than one rectangle?



Answer:

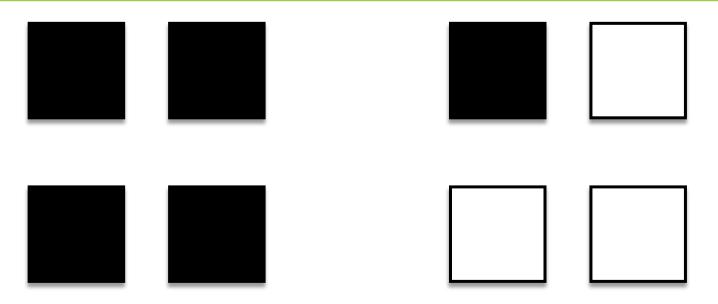
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What fraction of the fraction circle is marked 'f'?



Answer:

### Diagnostic Test



The shaded part of this diagram could represent the numbers:

- (a) 5 (b)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  (c)  $\frac{5}{8}$  (d)  $1\frac{1}{4}$

Identify the unit in each case by drawing:

(a)

(d)

Connections

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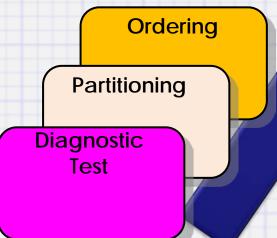
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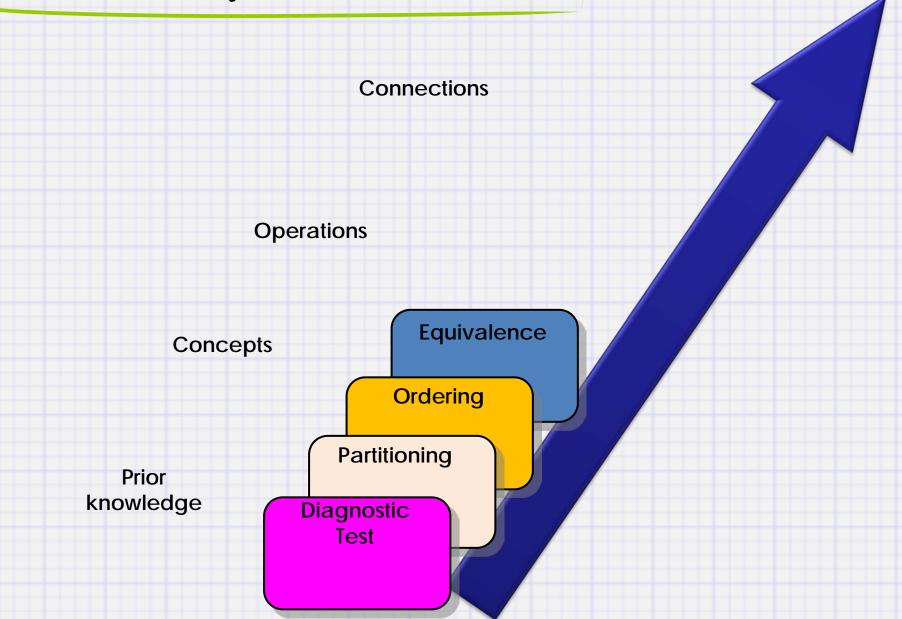
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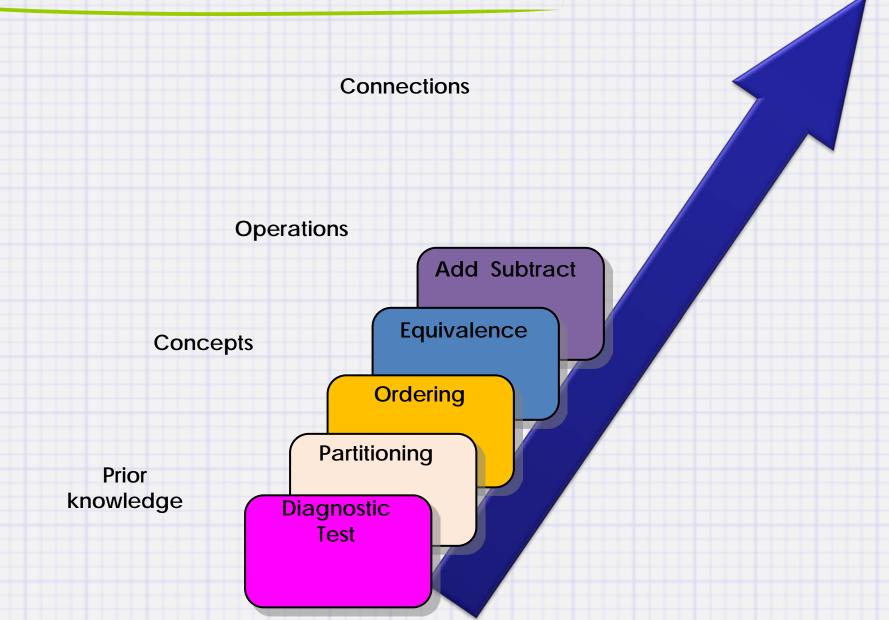
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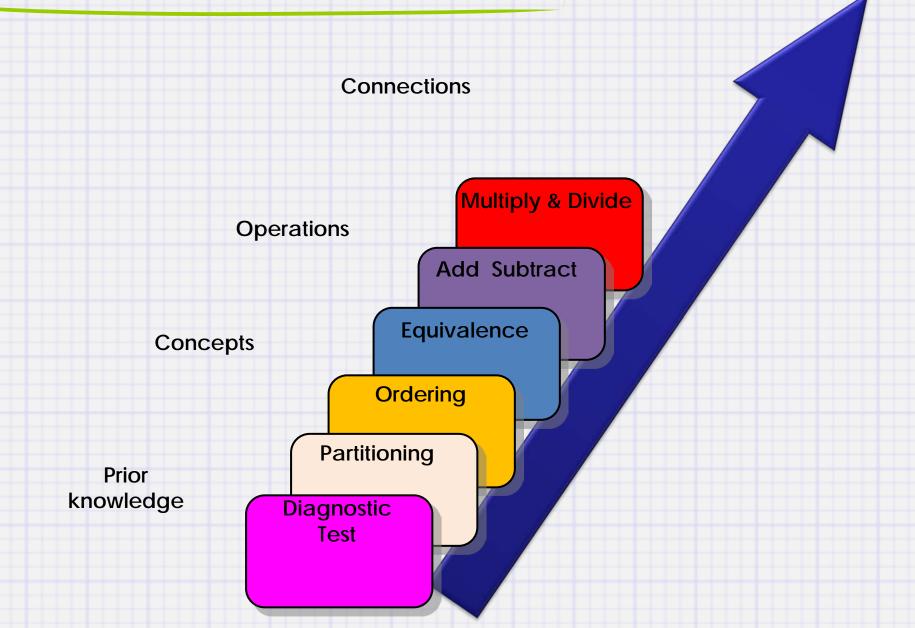
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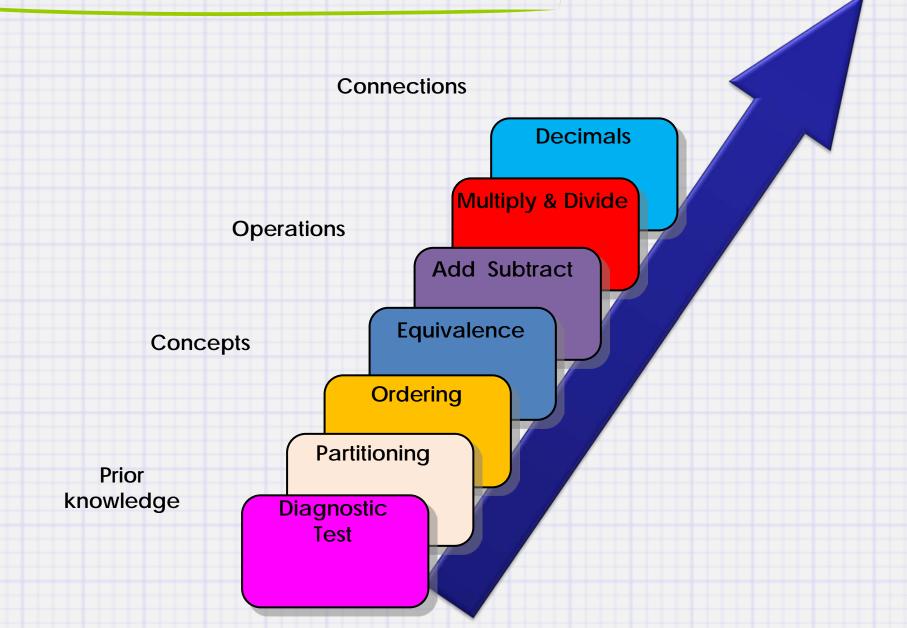
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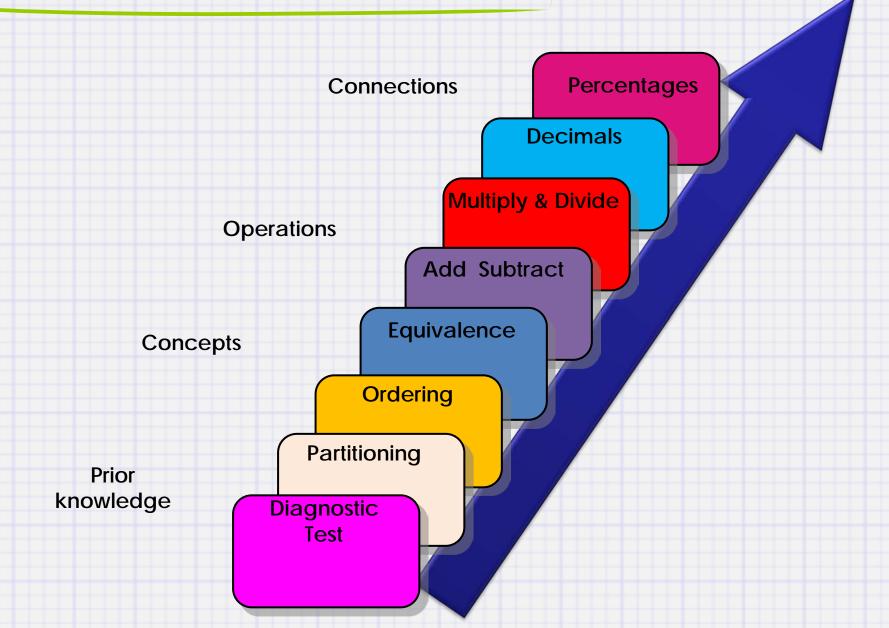












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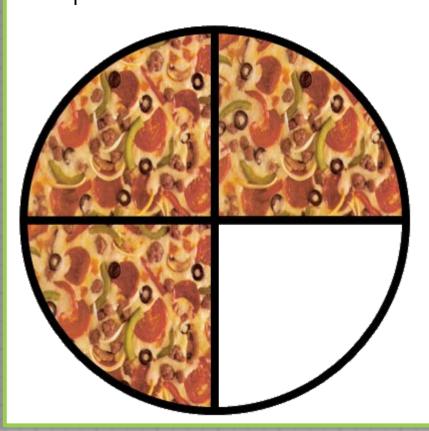
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# Reasons for rules ~ Checking tools

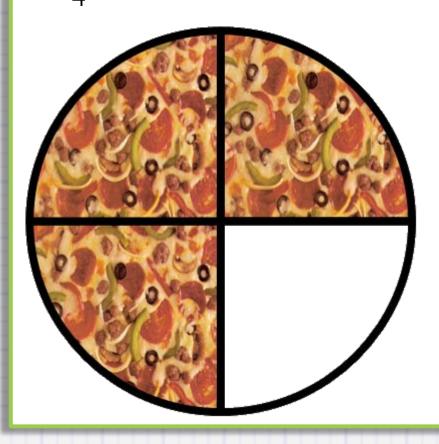
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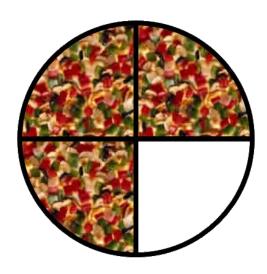
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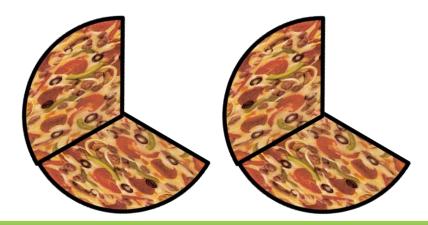
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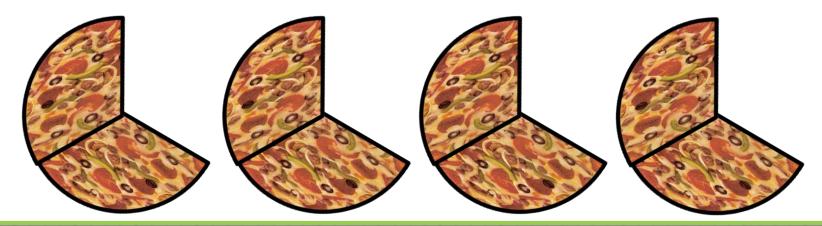
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## Poster/White Boards

Picture/Words

- Multiplication sentence
- □ ...groups of...
- Repeated addition

#### Pair Work

If I multiply  $4 \times \frac{2}{3}$  what incorrect answer do you think I might get?

#### Pair Work

How come 
$$\begin{cases} \frac{4}{1} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{3} \text{ and} \\ \frac{4}{1} + \frac{2}{3} = 4\frac{2}{3}? \end{cases}$$

#### Fraction x Fraction

Cara has  $\frac{2}{5}$  of her rectangular birthday cake left over from her party.

She ate  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the leftover cake.

How much of the full cake was this?

