

Fractions

What is a proper fraction?

A *proper fraction* is a fraction where the top number (numerator) is **smaller than** the bottom number (denominator).

These are examples of *proper fractions*: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{7}{8}$, $\frac{3}{16}$

Proper fractions are always “worth” less than 1.

Note: Sometimes people call proper fractions, *common fractions*.