

Dividing with 0 and 1

There are special rules to follow when dividing by 1 or 0.

Rule	Example	What You Think	What You Write
When any number is divided by 1, the quotient is that number.	$7 \div 1 = ?$	1 times what number = 7? $1 \times 7 = 7$ So, $7 \div 1 = 7$	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> $\begin{array}{r} 7 \\ 1 \overline{) 7} \\ \underline{7} \\ 0 \end{array}$ </div> $7 \div 1 = 7$ or $1 \overline{) 7}$
When any number (except 0) is divided by itself, the quotient is 1.	$8 \div 8 = ?$	8 times what number = 8? $8 \times 1 = 8$ So, $8 \div 8 = 1$	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 8 \overline{) 8} \\ \underline{8} \\ 0 \end{array}$ </div> $8 \div 8 = 1$ or $8 \overline{) 8}$
When zero is divided by a number (except 0), the quotient is 0.	$0 \div 5 = ?$	5 times what number = 0? $5 \times 0 = 0$ So, $0 \div 5 = 0$	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> $\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ 5 \overline{) 0} \\ \underline{0} \\ 0 \end{array}$ </div> $0 \div 5 = 0$ or $5 \overline{) 0}$
You cannot divide a number by 0.	$9 \div 0 = ?$	0 times what number = 9? There is no number that works, so $9 \div 0$ cannot be done.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> $\begin{array}{r} \\ 0 \overline{) 9} \end{array}$ </div> $9 \div 0$ cannot be done

Find each quotient.

1. $25 \div 1$

2. $9 \div 9$

3. $0 \div 8$

4. $6 \div 6$

5. $4 \div 1$

6. $1 \overline{) 7}$

7. $12 \overline{) 12}$

8. $17 \overline{) 0}$

9. $5 \overline{) 5}$

10. $1 \overline{) 9}$

Compare. Use $<$, $>$, or $=$.

11. $15 \div 1 \bigcirc 15 \div 15$

12. $0 \div 12 \bigcirc 12 \div 12$