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Fractional Parts of a Set

You can find how many there are in a fraction of a set.

Find $\frac{1}{3}$ of 15 triangles.

First look at the denominator of the fraction.

 $\frac{1}{3}$ \leftarrow 3 equal parts in all

So, put 15 triangles into **3** equal groups.







Next, look at the numerator of the fraction.

 $\frac{1}{3}$ — 1 of the equal parts

So, find how many triangles are in 1 of the equal parts.

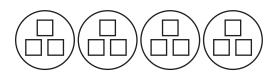


There are 5 triangles.

$$\frac{1}{3}$$
 of $15 = 5$

1. Use the drawing at the right. Morris used $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12 squares to make a picture. Find $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12 squares.

$$\frac{1}{4}$$
 of 12 = _____



Morris used _____ squares.

In 2 and 3, draw a picture to help.

- **2.** Thea used $\frac{1}{2}$ of 10 blocks to build a house. Find $\frac{1}{2}$ of 10 blocks.
- 3. Nate used $\frac{1}{8}$ of 24 crayons to draw a picture. Find $\frac{1}{8}$ of 24.

$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 of 10 = _____

Thea used _____ blocks.

$$\frac{1}{8}$$
 of 24 = _____

Nate used ____ crayons.

4. Writing to Explain When you divide 24 by 6, what fraction of 24 are you finding? Find the answer.