6.2 Dividing Fractions by Whole Numbers

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Communicate the Ideas

- **1.** Lana decided to model the division $\frac{2}{3} \div 3$ using a fraction strip divided into sixths. Could you use this fraction strip to solve the problem? Explain.
- **2. a)** If you use four hexagons to represent one whole, show how you can model $\frac{3}{4} \div 6$ using pattern blocks.
 - **b)** Can you model $\frac{3}{4} \div 6$ by using two hexagons to represent one whole? Explain.
- **3. a)** Model the division $\frac{1}{2} \div 2$ using manipulatives or diagrams.
 - b) Which method did you choose? Explain why you chose it.

Check Your Understanding

Practise

For help with #4 and #5, refer to Examples 1 and 2 on pages 205-206.

4. Determine each quotient using manipulatives or diagrams.

a)
$$\frac{1}{4} \div 2$$

b)
$$\frac{1}{2} \div 3$$

c)
$$\frac{1}{5} \div 2$$

d)
$$\frac{5}{6} \div 4$$

5. Determine each quotient.

a)
$$\frac{3}{5} \div 2$$

b)
$$\frac{1}{5} \div 3$$

c)
$$\frac{1}{2} \div 4$$

d)
$$\frac{2}{3} \div \epsilon$$

Apply

For help with #6 to #8, refer to Example 3 on pages 206–207.

- **6.** Two different South Indian fish curries, called dhopa and molee curry, both include coconut.
 - a) Dhopa requires $\frac{1}{2}$ a coconut to make two servings. What fraction of a coconut is in each serving?
 - **b)** Molee curry requires $\frac{1}{2}$ a coconut to make four servings. What fraction of a coconut is in each serving?
- 7. A pitcher of orange juice is $\frac{2}{3}$ full. If four students equally share the juice, what fraction of the full pitcher does each student get?

- 8. The areas of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba are approximately equal. The sum of their areas is about $\frac{1}{5}$ of the area of Canada. Express the area of each of these provinces as a fraction of the area of Canada.
- 9. Ingrid runs three laps of a track in $\frac{1}{4}$ h. On average, how much time does she take to run one lap? Express your answer
 - a) as a fraction of an hour,
 - **b)** in minutes

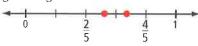


10. Mark uses $\frac{1}{3}$ of a tank of gasoline in a five-day work week driving to work and back. On average, what fraction of a tank does he use for each round trip?

- 11. Iqaluit has frost on about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the days in a year. It has frost on five times as many days as Vancouver. On what fraction of the days of the year does Vancouver have frost?
- 12. It takes $\frac{4}{5}$ of a roll of ribbon to wrap six packages. What fraction of a roll does it take to wrap three packages?
- 13. Create your own word problem that involves the division of a proper fraction by a whole number. Make sure that you can solve your problem. Give your problem to a classmate to solve.

Extend

14. Two fractions are equally spaced between $\frac{2}{5}$ and $\frac{4}{5}$. Determine the two fractions.



- **15. a)** Model the division $\frac{2}{3} \div 4 = \frac{1}{6}$ using manipulatives or diagrams.
 - **b)** Explain how your method shows that $\frac{2}{3} \div \frac{1}{6} = 4$.

MATH LINK

The Montane Cordillera and Boreal Cordillera ecozones have approximately equal areas. The total area of these two ecozones equals about $\frac{1}{10}$ of the area of Canada. What fraction of the area of Canada does each of these ecozones cover?

