## **Equivalent Fractions**

• How would I use fractions to describe the whole chocolate bar?

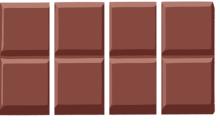
It would be nice to share the chocolate bar!

- How would I choose to show two fair shares of this chocolate bar?
- How do I know I've made a fair share?
- How would I explain and write each fair share as a fraction of the whole amount?

This time I'll share the whole chocolate bar with more friends.

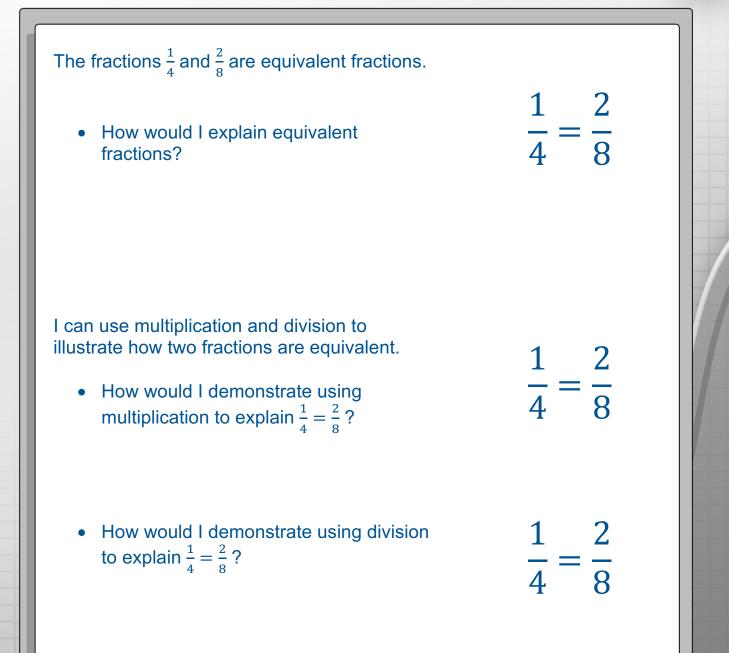
• How would I use fractions to illustrate how I'm sharing the whole amount?













A student used diagrams to illustrate the fractions  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{9}{12}$  are equivalent fractions.

The student began by drawing two equal sized rectangles.

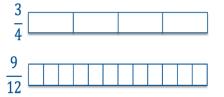
- What do the rectangles represent?
- Why do the rectangles need to be the same size?

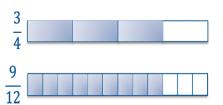
Next, the student divides each rectangle into equal parts.

- Why does the student perform this step?
- How does the student determine how many equal parts in each rectangle?

The last step involves shading some of the equal parts in each rectangle.

- How does the student determine how much of each rectangle to shade?
- How do the diagrams illustrate the fractions  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{9}{12}$  are equivalent?







• How would I demonstrate using multiplication to explain $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{9}{12}$ ?	$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{9}{12}$
• How would I demonstrate using division to explain $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{9}{12}$ ?	$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{9}{12}$



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