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## Fractions of Shapes

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Shade $\frac{1}{4}$ of these shapes:


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Shade $\frac{1}{2}$ of this shape:


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## What do you notice? Write a sentence to explain.

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Now, find a different way to shade half of these shapes:


Shade $\frac{1}{4}$ of these shapes:


Shade $\frac{3}{4}$ of this shape:


Shade $\frac{1}{2}$ of this shape:


Shade $\frac{2}{4}$ of this shape:


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These shadings are suggestions. As long as children have shaded half the number of boxes, they are correct. However, it is advisable for them to colour the boxes in blocks so that they can 'see' half of each shape as well.
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These are suggestions. Children can divide the shapes in any direction as long as they make two equal halves.

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Shade $\frac{2}{4}$ of this shape:

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What do you notice? Write a sentence to explain.
They should recognise that they have shaded two boxes in each shape, so $\frac{1}{2}$ is the same as $\frac{2}{4}$.

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Shade $\frac{1}{4}$ of these shapes:
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