

We write fractions using a numerator and a denominator.

$$\frac{3}{4}$$

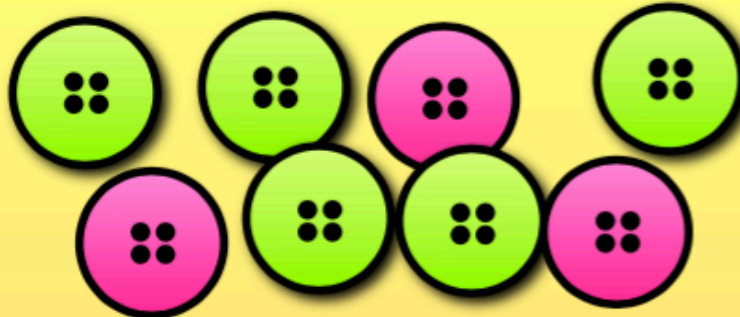
The numerator tells us how many parts we have.  
The denominator tells us how many parts something was (or is) divided into.



$$\frac{3}{4}$$

3 ← There are three pieces left.

4 ← There were four pieces.



$$\frac{5}{8}$$

5 ← There are five green buttons.

8 ← There are eight buttons altogether.



$$\frac{1}{6}$$

1 ← There is one piece of cake left.

6 ← The cake was cut into six pieces.