

$\frac{1}{4}$  (one-fourth) of a whole

is the quantity formed by 1 part  
when a whole is partitioned into  
4 equal parts.

$\frac{3}{4}$  (three-fourths) of a whole

is the quantity formed by 3 parts  
of size  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

$\frac{1}{b}$  (one-bth) of a whole

is the quantity formed by 1 part  
when a whole is partitioned into  
b equal parts.

$b$  equal parts.

$\frac{a}{b}$  ( $a - b$ ths) of a whole

is the quantity formed by ~~the~~

$a$  parts of size  $\frac{1}{b}$ .

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