

Describing fractions

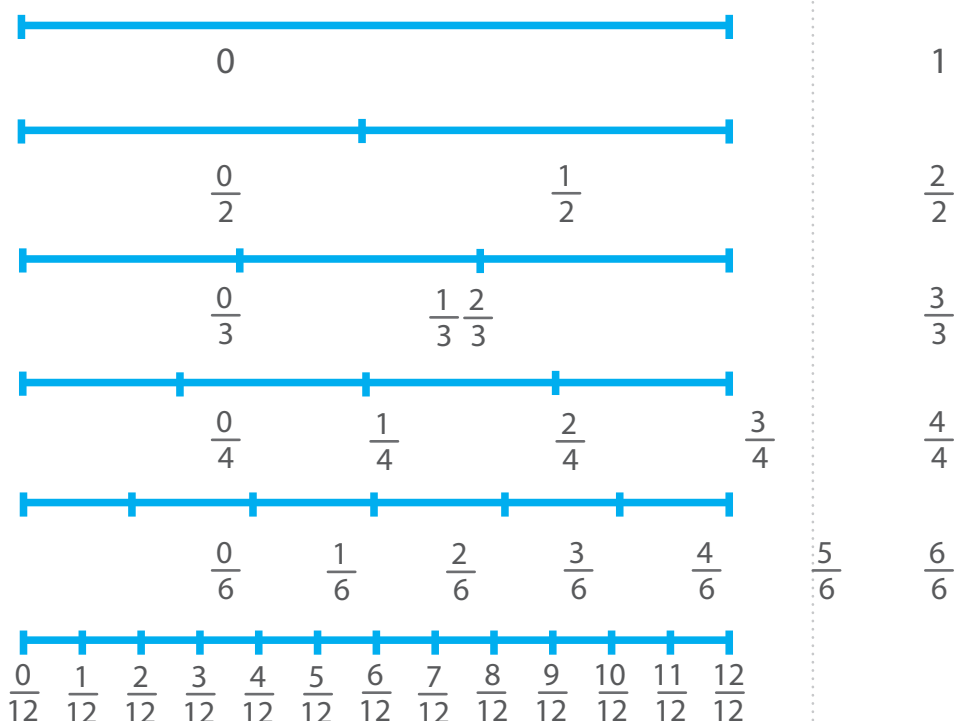
CAPS Statement

Numbers, operations and relationships;

Common fractions: Describe, compare and order common fractions.

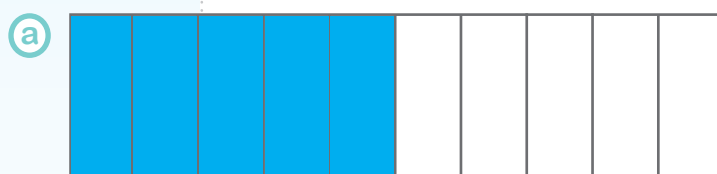
Note

A common fraction is where both the numerator (top number) and denominator (bottom number) are whole numbers. To compare and order numbers it is easier to see on a number line, the fractions on the right have the highest value:



Activity 1

State what the fraction of the shaded area is.







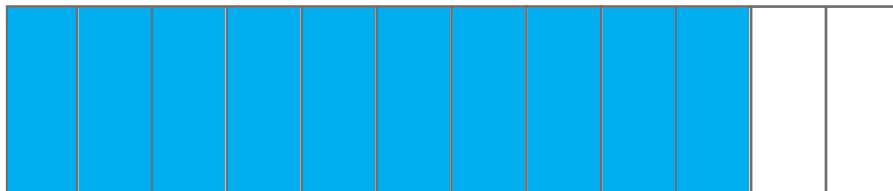
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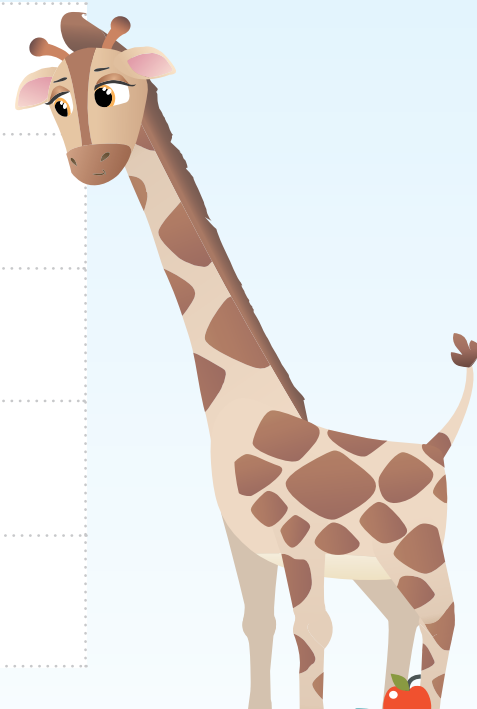
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Activity 2

Compare the following fractions using comparison signs $<$, $>$, $=$.
Try not to use the number lines to help you.

a	$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{7}{8}$
b	$\frac{8}{12}$		$\frac{1}{2}$
c	$\frac{9}{12}$		$\frac{6}{8}$
d	$\frac{5}{10}$		$\frac{4}{5}$
e	$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{6}{12}$



Teacher Tip

Encourage learners to make use of drawings in order to get better understanding of the concept.