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When is a whole number equivalent to a fraction?

Using a three step process with a number line, we can take a look!

Consider the whole number, 3, using these three steps:

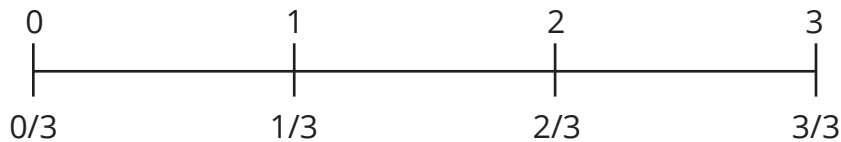
Step 1) Draw an open number line going from 0 to an endpoint. In this case the endpoint would be 3. Observe:



Step 2) 3 can be expressed on the number line in three equal groups of 1, drawn like this:



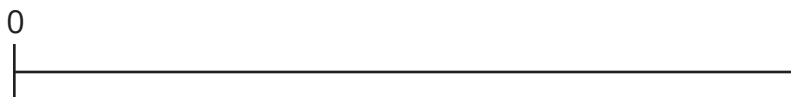
Step 3) So it's easy to see three and it's fractional parts, which we can labeled in thirds, like this: $0 = 0/3$ of 3, $1 = 1/3$ of 3, $2 = 2/3$ of 3, $3 = 3/3$ of 3.



Taking a Look: Corresponding parts, like 1 and $1/3$ are called equivalent, because they occupy the same point on a number line, when looking at 3 as a whole. 1 is $1/3$ of 3. 3 is $3/3$ of 3. Can you name all the equivalent pairs?

Use the 3-step process described above, to complete the following exercises.

1. Illustrate the whole number 8 as an equivalent fraction.

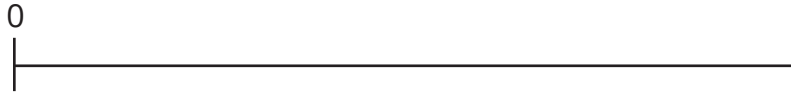


a) What whole number is equivalent to $\frac{5}{8}$ of 8? ____

b) List all of eight's equivalent pairs: _____

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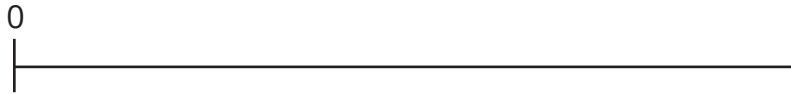
2. Illustrate the whole number 9 as an equivalent fraction.



a) What whole number is equivalent to $\frac{4}{9}$ of 9? ____

b) List all of nine's equivalent pairs: _____

3. Illustrate the whole number 12 as an equivalent fraction.



a) What whole number is equivalent to $\frac{3}{12}$ of 12? ____

b) List all of twelve's equivalent pairs: _____

4. Illustrate the whole number 3 as an equivalent fraction.



a) What whole number is equivalent to $\frac{1}{3}$ of 3? ____

b) List all of three's equivalent pairs: _____