

DIVISION

Division is an essential concept in mathematics. It's a way to split a number into equal parts.

A DEFINITIONS

Definition Division

Division is the process of splitting a number into equal parts or groups. The \div symbol indicates division. Division can be represented in several ways:

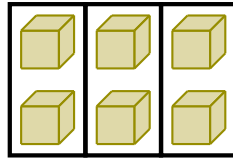
- Numbers:

$$6 \div 3 = 2$$

- Words:

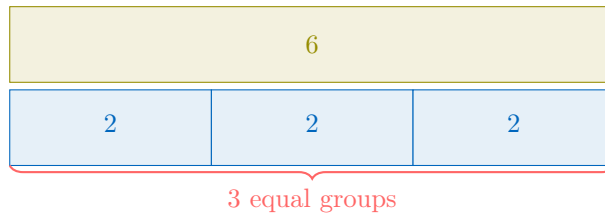
six divided by three equals two

- Items:



$$6 \div 3 = 2 : \text{number of blocks in each group}$$

- Part-whole model:



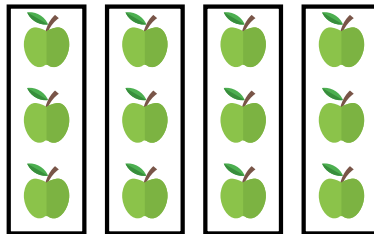
B REPRESENTATIONS OF DIVISION

Method Number of items in each group

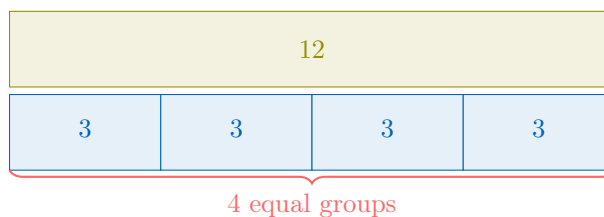
When you know the total and the number of groups, division finds the number of items in each group.

$$\text{total} \div \text{number of groups} = \text{number of items in each group}$$

For example, we have 12 apples, equally shared among 4 friends.



Each friend receives $12 \div 4 = 3$ apples.

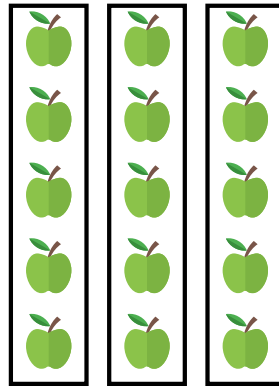


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If you know the **total** and the **number of items in each group**, division finds the **number of groups**.

$$\text{total} \div \text{number of items in each group} = \text{number of groups}$$

For example, we have 15 apples and pack them into boxes, each holding 5 apples.



Thus, $15 \div 5 = 3$ is the number of boxes.

C INVERSE OPERATIONS: MULTIPLICATION AND DIVISION

Proposition **Multiplication and Division are Inverse Operations**

Multiplication and division undo each other:

$$3 \times 2 = 6$$

$$6 \div 3 = 2$$

$$6 \div 2 = 3$$

