

Designing assessment tasks: Choosing the fraction model

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Each task suggests a particular way of thinking about and representing fractions.

A comprehensive understanding of fractions includes the ability to work with a variety of models for fractions.

Fraction Model Part whole – area	Task example 1 Draw a shape and show $\frac{3}{4}$ of the shape.	Task example 2 Fold the paper circle into quarters
Linear (length) model	Mark a starting point and show where $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way around the circle would be.	Fold this length of string to show how much $\frac{1}{3}$ of the string is.
Fraction of a group	Show how to find $\frac{1}{5}$ of this group of 20 counters.	Ling brought 12 stickers to school. If this was $\frac{1}{5}$ of her sticker collection, how many in her whole collection?
Number line	Mark $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{8}$ on this number line.	What fraction might be located at A? What fraction might be located at B? A B O 1 2
Division (sharing)	Draw something to show how you would share two pancakes equally among three people. How much does each person get?	$2 \div 3 = \frac{2}{3}$ Is this true? Explain your reasons.

