

Saying & Writing Fractions

To say a fraction like $\frac{3}{4}$ you say the numerator - three, then say the denominator by spraying friends with the suffix *ths*. (except for one halves and thirds)

To express a quantity as a fraction, you would need to know how many equal parts make one whole unit. The numerator would be the parts under consideration, the denominator would be how many *EQUAL* parts make one full unit

Example 1 Express 5 hours as a part of a day.

Since you have 5 hours, that will be numerator. There are 24 hours in one full day, so the denominator is 24. Piece of cake! Therefore, 5 hours $\frac{5}{24}$ day.

Example 2 Express 7 ounces as part of a pound.

Since there are 16 ounces in a pound, the denominator is 16. The numerator is 7. Therefore 7 ounces is $\frac{7}{16}$ lb.