

What is a fraction?

THE NUMBER OF PARTS WE ARE INTERESTED IN.

$$\frac{1}{4}$$

1 — Numerator

4 — Denominator

THE NUMBER OF EQUAL PARTS IN ONE WHOLE.

In the two examples below:

- the number of equal parts in each whole is 5 - so that is the denominator.
- the number of parts we are interested in (the shaded parts) is 2 - so that is the numerator.



The fraction shown by the examples is $\frac{2}{5}$