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## **Dividing Whole Numbers by Unit Fractions**

How can you divide a whole number by a fraction?

$2 \div \frac{1}{3}$	Think: How can I divide two into one-thirds?
<b>1.</b> Two is the sum of one plus one.	2 = 1 + 1
<ol> <li>Each one is the sum of three one-thirds.</li> <li>Count the number of one-thirds.</li> </ol>	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
<b>Check</b> To divide a whole number by a fraction, multiply the whole number by the reciprocal of the fraction.	$2 \div \frac{1}{3} = 2 \times \frac{3}{1} = \frac{2}{1} \times \frac{3}{1} = \frac{6}{1} = 6$
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$3 \div \frac{3}{4}$	Think: How can I divide three into three-fourths?
<ol> <li>Three is the sum of one plus one plus one.</li> </ol>	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
<b>2.</b> Each one is the sum of one three-fourths and one one-fourth.	$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$
<b>3.</b> Count the number of three-fourths.	$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4}$
<b>Check</b> Multiply the whole number by the reciprocal of the fraction.	$4 \\ 3 \div \frac{3}{4} = 3 \times \frac{4}{3} = \frac{3}{1} \times \frac{4}{3} = \frac{12}{3} = 4$

Draw a picture that shows each division and write the answer.

**1.** 
$$2 \div \frac{1}{2}$$
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**2.** 
$$2 \div \frac{1}{3}$$
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