

Finding half of a number

Concrete - This means using objects.

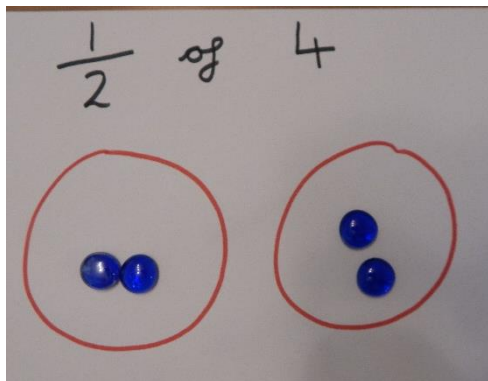
Objects you could use at home:

buttons, stones, sticks, beads, lolly sticks, Lego blocks, pencils, small toys, pom poms

Steps to success:

- Collect some objects from home that you can use.
- Look at the number you are halving and get the correct amount of objects.
- In the fraction $\frac{1}{2}$ the denominator (the bottom number) is 2, so we need to share equally between 2 parts.
- Share your objects equally between two parts.
- The numerator in the fraction $\frac{1}{2}$ is 1 so I need to count how many objects are in 1 of my parts.

An example for you:



I started with 4 beads. I shared my beads equally between 2 equal parts.

I counted how many beads are in one of my parts and I know that half of 4 is 2.

Pictorial - This means using drawings or representations.

Steps to success:

- Find your exercise book or some paper to draw on.
- Look at the number you are halving.
- In the fraction $\frac{1}{2}$ the denominator (the bottom number) is 2, so we need to share equally between 2 parts.
- Share spots equally between two parts.
- The numerator in the fraction $\frac{1}{2}$ is 1 so I need to count how many objects are in 1 of my parts.

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