

Fraction Notation

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

Always look 
at the
bottom number
first.

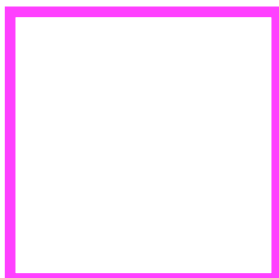
Numerator The number of **equal groups selected**.

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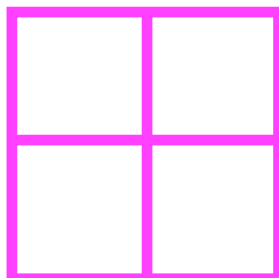
Fraction Bar

Denominator The **whole item** has been **divided into this number of equal groups**.

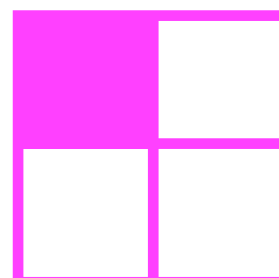
Whole item



Whole item
divided into
4 equal groups



Whole item divided into
4 equal groups with
1 equal group selected



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