**Fractions**

In a recipe we, sometimes, use fractions to show the correct amounts of ingredients (1/2 cup of olive oil, 2/3 cup of vinegar, 1/4 cup of breadcrumbs).

**How to read a fraction:**

We use cardinal numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.) to read the numerator (the number above the line), and ordinal numbers (third, fourth, fifth, etc.) to read the denominator (the number below the line). When we write fractions in words, we use a hyphen between the cardinal number and the ordinal number.

Ordinal numbers are countable, so we add "s" to the word (thirds, fifths, tenths, etc.) as a plural form.

Examples

2/5: here the numerator "2" is pronounced as two, the denominator "5" as fifth, and the fraction as two-fifths.

3/10: here the numerator "3" is pronounced as three, the denominator "10" as tenth, and the fraction as three-tenths.

1/7: here the numerator "1" is pronounced as one, the denominator "7" as seventh, and the fraction as one-seventh or a seventh. (Seventh is singular)

1/2: here the numerator "1" is pronounced as one, the denominator "2" as half, and the fraction as one-half or a half.

1/4: here the numerator "1" is pronounced as one, the denominator "4" as fourth or quarter, and the fraction as one-fourth or a fourth; one-quarter or a quarter.

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