LESSON MAKER PRO

Shade and Add

Turn shaded parts into sums of unit fractions.

GRADE 3 · 3.NS.3.b

3.NS.3.b "Identify a fraction represented by a model as the sum of unit fractions."

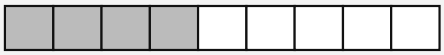
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ONE PART AT A TIME

When a whole is split into equal parts, one part is a unit fraction. Use the number of equal parts as the bottom number, then add one unit fraction for each shaded part.

WORKED EXAMPLE

A bar is split into 9 equal parts. 4 parts are shaded. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions.

One whole 

1. One equal part is 1/9.
2. There are 4 shaded parts.
3. Add 1/9 four times: 1/9 + 1/9 + 1/9 + 1/9.

Answer: 4/9 = 1/9 + 1/9 + 1/9 + 1/9

PRACTICE 6 problems

1 The bar is one whole. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions.

One whole 

ANSWER _____

2 The bar is one whole. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions.

One whole 

ANSWER _____

3 The bar is one whole. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions.

One whole 

ANSWER _____

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One whole 

ANSWER _____

5 The bar is one whole. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions.

One whole 

ANSWER _____

6 The bar is one whole. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions.

One whole 

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

1 At game club, Leo's level tracker has 7 equal spaces. 3 spaces are filled. Write the filled part of the tracker as a sum of unit fractions.

WORK SPACE

ANSWER

2 Nia has a sticker sheet with 10 equal spaces. 6 spaces have shiny robot stickers. Write the part of the sheet with robot stickers as a sum of unit fractions.

WORK SPACE

ANSWER

CHALLENGE One step up

The bar is one whole. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions. Explain why every unit fraction has 12 on the bottom.

One whole 

WORK SPACE AND ANSWER

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	The bar is one whole. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions.	**1/2**
2	The bar is one whole. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions.	**1/3 + 1/3**
3	The bar is one whole. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions.	**1/5 + 1/5 + 1/5**
4	The bar is one whole. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions.	**1/6 + 1/6 + 1/6 + 1/6 + 1/6**
5	The bar is one whole. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions.	**1/7 + 1/7 + 1/7 + 1/7 + 1/7**
6	The bar is one whole. Write the shaded fraction as a sum of unit fractions.	**1/8 + 1/8 + 1/8 + 1/8 + 1/8 + 1/8**

PART 2 · APPLY IT

1. **1/7 + 1/7 + 1/7** Each space is 1/7 because the tracker has 7 equal spaces. Add 1/7 for each of the 3 filled spaces.
2. **1/10 + 1/10 + 1/10 + 1/10 + 1/10 + 1/10** Each equal space is 1/10. There are 6 spaces with robot stickers, so add 1/10 six times.

CHALLENGE

7/12 = 1/12 + 1/12 + 1/12 + 1/12 + 1/12 + 1/12 + 1/12. Every fraction has 12 on the bottom because the whole is split into 12 equal parts.

Accept unit-fraction sums in any order if the correct unit fraction appears once for each shaded part. For a model, students should use the model's denominator in every unit fraction, even when the shaded fraction could be renamed with an equivalent fraction.