# Division



# Representation



- How can you represent the following problems:
  - There are 20 children going on a school trip. The school got 4 minivans for the trip. If we wanted equal number of children in each vehicle how many should we put in each?
  - There are 20 kids going on a school trip. How many vehicles does the school need to get if we want to put 4 kids in each?
- What is similar about these two problems and what is different?

# **Two views**

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- How many in a group?
- We know how many groups there are.

#### Measurement

- How many groups?
- We know how many there are in each group.



#### **Exercises**



- Use either base ten blocks or place value table to find
  - 34 ÷ 2
  - 550 ÷ 2
  - 96 ÷ 3
  - 55 ÷ 12
  - 48 ÷ 8
  - 54 ÷ 6

# **Division algorithm**



 If a and b are any two whole numbers with b≠0 then there exists unique whole numbers q and r such that

$$a=qb+r$$
, where  $0 \le r < b$ .

How can you convince yourself that this is true?

# **Problems**



- In each of the problem decide which approach to division is illustrated by the example and use any method to solve the problem. Think about whether there is a "best" method to do each of the problems.
  - 1. Ashley made 205 muffins. She put them into boxes of 4 each. How many boxes were there?
  - 2. 5 packets of coffee weight 750g. How much does each packet weigh?
  - 3. David has 74 wheels. If he uses 4 wheels to make a toy car, how many toy cars can he make?
  - 4. Justin has 429 yd of wire. He cuts it into pieces. Each piece is 3 yds long. How many pieces can he get?

# **Explanation #1**



 Your student is working on the problem 0 ÷ 7 and she says:

"The answer is 0, because if I have 0 apples and I want to divide them between 7 friends each of us will get 0 apples"

How do you respond to your student?





 Your student is working on the problem 6 ÷ 0 and says

"It is 6 because if I have 6 apples then if I divided into 0 groups I haven't divided it at all, so I still have 6 apples."

How would you respond to this student?

# **Missing factor approach**



 If a and b are any two whole numbers with b≠0, then a ÷ b = c if and only if a = b⋅c, for some whole number c.



# **Base 5 multiplication table**

X	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4
2	0	2	4	11	13
3	0	3	11	14	22
4	0	4	13	22	24

Using missing factor approach find each of the following:  $11_5 \div 3_5$   $22_5 \div 3_5$   $13_5 \div 4_5$  $21_5 \div 3_5$ 

# **Explanation #3**



- A student says: "If I want to divide 21 by 6, I just keep subtracting 6 until I get a number less than 6 and that's my answer." How would you respond to this student?
- How many possible remainders are there if you are dividing by
  a) 2
  b) 12
  c) 62
  d) 23?

# Analogies



- If addition is repeated addition, shouldn't division be repeated subtraction?
- Can you find 20 ÷ 3 using repeated subtraction?





 Model 573 ÷ 4 using base 10 blocks, and record your work using numbers.



## **Explanation #5: 7328 ÷ 8**



## **Explanation #6: 7328 ÷ 8**

# Explanation #6: What is happening here?



# Explanation #7: what is happening here?





### More







 What can you say about his understanding of multiplication:

# A Place for 0



