

Division Glossary

D

denominator

the bottom number of a fraction that tells the number of equal parts on the whole

Example: *In the fraction $2/3$, 3 is the denominator*

dividend

a number to be divided by another number

Example: $63 \div 7 = 9$ *63 is the dividend*

divisor

the number by which a dividend is divided

Example: $63 \div 7 = 9$ *7 is the divisor*

E

estimate

to find a number that is close to the exact answer

F

fraction

numbers that represent a part of a whole number; the line (—) or slash (/) means divided by

Example: $2/3$ (*two thirds*) means 2 divided by 3

H

horizontal

the opposite of vertical; lines, words, or numbers running across the page from left to right; parallel to the ground

N

numerator

the top number of a fraction that tells the number of equal parts considered in the fraction

Example: *In the fraction $2/3$, 2 is the numerator*

Q

quotient

the number other than the remainder that is the result of dividing

Example: $63 \div 7 = 9$, 9 is the quotient

R

remainder

the amount "left over" after performing division

V

vertical

opposite of horizontal; lines, words, or numbers running up—and-down