

**Beginner:** Introduce the concept of "half" ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) while cooking or baking, and that two halves make one whole.

[Tip]: Use oranges, a stick of butter, pizza, or measuring cups to show halves.

Intermediate: Introduce more fractions and explain how to read and say them. [Tip]: "Find the measuring cup that has a 1 and a 2, separated by a line. That means half a cup." Repeat for  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ , and  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

**Experienced:** Talk about adding fractions while cooking or baking.

[Tip]: Talk about how you would double or triple a recipe.

Why is this important? Fractions are used in everyday situations, and introducing fraction words improves your understanding of math.

Looking for more information? Check out our <u>Fractions</u> resource on the website!

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