



Instructional Routines for Mathematics Intervention

The purpose of these mathematics instructional routines is to provide educators with materials to use when providing intervention to students who experience difficulty with mathematics. The routines address content included in the grades 2-8 Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). There are 23 modules that include routines and examples – each focused on different mathematical content. Each of the 23 modules include vocabulary cards and problem sets to use during instruction. These materials are intended to be implemented explicitly with the aim of improving mathematics outcomes for students.

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MODULE 13

Concepts of Division



Module 13: Concepts of Division

Mathematics Routines

A. Important Vocabulary with Definitions

Term	Definition
divide/division	To separate into equal groups or among groups.
dividend	The number to be divided.
division sign	The symbol that tells you to divide.
divisor	The number the dividend is divided by.
equal groups	Groups with the same number of objects or items in each group.
equal sign	The symbol that tells you that two sides of an equation are the same, balanced, or equal.
partitive division	A way of dividing where you share items into a pre-determined number of groups.
quotative division	A way of dividing where you measure a pre-determined amount of items into an unknown number of groups.
quotient	The result when one number is divided by another number.

B. Background Information

Students need to learn two concepts of division: (1) division as partitive and (2) division as measurement or quotative. Typically, students first learn about division as partitive. Then, students learn about division as measurement or quotative.

Division Fact

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ \div 6 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

← dividend
← divisor
← quotient

divisor quotient
4
6) 24
 4
 —
 0
 —
 0
 —
 0
 —
 0

← dividend

For learning the concepts of division, we recommend using *mathematics facts*. We define a division mathematics fact as a single- or double-digit dividend divided by a single-digit divisor for a single-digit quotient. You may present division facts vertically or horizontally.

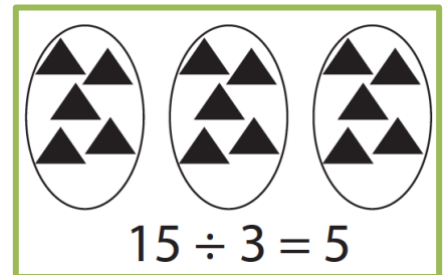
C. Routines and Examples

(1) Division as Partitive

Routine

Materials:

- [Module 13 Problems](#)
- [Module 13 Vocabulary Cards](#)
 - If necessary, review Vocabulary Cards before teaching
- Any hands-on tool or manipulative (e.g., cubes, clips) and any container (e.g., plates, cups)



- Teacher** Let's work on division. Today, let's think about division as partitioning or equal share. What does it mean to share equally?
- Students** Each person gets the same amount.
- Teacher** So, when you share equally, we'll give the same amount to each person or each group. To partition means the same thing as to share equally. What does partition mean?
- Students** To share equally.
- Teacher** Look at this problem.
(Show problem.)
- Teacher** First, I see a division sign (point). The division sign tells us to divide. What does the division sign mean?
- Students** To divide.
- Teacher** We'll divide by partitioning or sharing equally. In a division problem, we'll use the dividend to tell us how many altogether we have to share. What will the dividend tell us?
- Students** The total number of objects to share.
- Teacher** And we'll use the divisor to tell us the number of groups we will make to then equally share the objects. What will the divisor tell us?
- Students** The number of groups we will make to then equally share the objects.
- Teacher** Great. Let's do this problem.
(Move clips to workspace.)
- Teacher** Our dividend is __. What's our dividend?
- Students** __.
- Teacher** Let's show this dividend by showing __ objects. We'll show the objects with the clips.
(Use clips to show dividend.)
- Teacher** How many clips?
- Students** __.

Teacher Our divisor is __. What's our divisor?
 Students __.

Teacher Let's show the divisor by showing __ groups. We'll use plates to show each group.
 (Show groups using plates.)

Teacher How many groups?
 Students __.

Teacher So, we have __ clips to share equally among __ groups. Let's divide by sharing the __ clips equally among the __ groups. How will we divide?
 Students Equally share the clips among the groups.

Teacher Let's put one object on each plate. 1 clips goes on this plate, 1 clip goes on this plate, 1 clip goes on this plate, ...
 (Equally share 1 clip on each plate.)

Teacher Now, do we have more clips to equally share?
 Students Yes!

Teacher Let's keep sharing the clips among the groups. That means 1 clips goes on this plate, 1 clip goes on this plate, 1 clip goes on this plate,
 (Equally share 1 clip on each plate.)

Teacher We keep sharing until we've shared all the clips equally. Now, to learn the quotient, let's count the number of clips in one group. We have __, __, __, ...
 (Count clips on 1 plate.)

Teacher How many clips in one group?
 Students __.

Teacher Yes! There are __ clips. So, __ divided by __ equals __. Let's say that together.
 Students __ divided by __ equals __.

Teacher Let's say it together again.
 Students __ divided by __ equals __.

Teacher So, if you have __ clips and share the clips equally among __ groups, the quotient is __. __ divided by __ equals __. Let's review. What's a dividend?
 Students The total number that will be divided.

Teacher What's a divisor?
 Students The number of groups we will make to then equally share objects.

Teacher What's a quotient?
 Students The result in each group after you equally share.

Teacher What does it mean to partition?
 Students To equally share objects among groups.

Teacher How could you explain dividing to a friend?
 Students We started a total number of clips. We equally shared the clips among groups. The quotient was the number of clips in each group.

Example

$$15 \div 3 = 5$$

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- Teacher** So, when you share equally, we'll give the same amount to each person or each group. To partition means the same thing as to share equally. What does partition mean?
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(Show problem.)
- Teacher** First, I see a division sign (point). The division sign tells us to divide. What does the division sign mean?
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- Students** The total number of objects to share.
- Teacher** And we'll use the divisor to tell us how many groups we make to then equally share the objects. What will the divisor tell us?
- Students** The number of groups we will make to then equally share the objects.
- Teacher** Great. Let's do this problem.
(Move cubes to workspace.)
- Teacher** Our dividend is 15. What's our dividend?
- Students** 15.
- Teacher** Let's show this dividend by showing 15 cubes. We'll show the objects with the cubes.
(Show 15 cubes.)
- Teacher** How many cubes?
- Students** 15.
- Teacher** Our divisor is 3. What's our divisor?
- Students** 3.
- Teacher** Let's show the divisor by showing 3 groups. We'll use plates to show each group.
(Show 3 plates.)
- Teacher** How many groups?
- Students** 3.
- Teacher** So, we have 15 cubes to share equally among 3 groups. Let's divide by sharing the 15 cubes equally among the 3 groups. How will we divide?
- Students** Equally share the cubes among the groups.
- Teacher** Let's put one object on each plate. 1 cube goes on this plate, 1 cube goes on this plate, 1 cube goes on this plate.

(Equally share 1 cube on each plate.)

Teacher Now, do we have more cubes to equally share?

Students Yes!

Teacher Let's keep sharing the cubes among the groups. That means 1 cube goes on this plate, 1 cube goes on this plate, 1 cube goes on this plate.

(Equally share 1 cube on each plate.)

Teacher We keep sharing until we've shared all the cubes equally. That means, 1 cube goes on this plate, 1 cube goes on this plate, 1 cube goes on this plate. Then, 1 cube goes on this plate, 1 cube goes on this plate, 1 cube goes on this plate. Finally, 1 cube goes on this plate, 1 cube goes on this plate, 1 cube goes on this plate. Do we have any more cubes to share?

Students No!

Now, to learn the quotient, let's count the number of cubes in one group. We have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 cubes in one group. How many cubes in one group?

Students 5.

Teacher Yes! There are 5 cubes in one group. So, 15 divided by 3 equals 5. Let's say that together.

Students 15 divided by 3 equals 5.

Teacher Let's say it together again.

Students 15 divided by 3 equals 5.

Teacher So, if you have 15 cubes and share the cubes equally among 3 groups, the quotient is 5. 15 divided by 3 equals 5. Let's review. What's a dividend?

Students The total number that will be divided.

Teacher What's a divisor?

Students The number of groups we make to equally share the objects.

Teacher What's a quotient?

Students The result in each group after you equally share.

Teacher What does it mean to partition?

Students To equally share objects among groups.

Teacher How could you explain dividing to a friend?

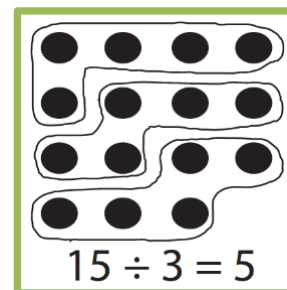
Students We started a total number of cubes. We equally shared the cubes among groups. The quotient was the number of cubes in each group.

(2) Division as Quotative or Measurement

Routine

Materials:

- [Module 13 Problems](#)
- [Module 13 Vocabulary Cards](#)
 - If necessary, review Vocabulary Cards before teaching
- Number line



- Teacher** Let's work on division. Today, let's think about division as quotative. That's a new word. Let's say it together.
- Students** Quotative.
- Teacher** Quotative division means we'll measure objects into groups. We can also call quotative division measurement division. What does quotative or measurement division mean?
- Students** We'll measure objects into groups.
- Teacher** When we use quotative or measurement division, we start with a set. Imagine you have a set of 12 pencils. You want to give your friends 4 pencils each. Quotative division helps you determine how many friends could get a set of 4 pencils. Look at this problem.
(Show problem.)
- Teacher** First, I see a division sign (point). The division sign tells us to divide. What does the division sign mean?
- Students** To divide.
- Teacher** Today we'll divide using quotative or measurement division, but there are other ways to divide – like partitive division or equal shares. Let's start by getting our cubes.
(Move cubes to workspace.)
- Teacher** Our dividend is __. What's our dividend?
- Students** __.
- Teacher** Let's show this dividend by showing __ objects. We'll show the objects with the cubes.
(Use cubes to show dividend.)
- Teacher** How many cubes?
- Students** __.
- Teacher** Our divisor is __. What's our divisor?
- Students** __.
- Teacher** Let's show the divisor by measuring groups of __. The divisor tells us how many objects will be in each group. How many will be in each group?
- Students** __.

Teacher So, we have __ cubes to measure into groups of __. Let's divide by measuring the objects into groups of __. How will we divide?

Students Measure the objects into groups of __.

Teacher So, let's make a group of __. I'll place __, __, __ ... objects into this group.
(Place objects into a group.)

Teacher Now, do we have more cubes to make another group?

Students Yes!

Teacher Let's keep measuring the objects into groups. That means, I'll place __, __, __, ... objects into this group.
(Place objects into a group.)

Teacher We keep measuring groups until we've placed all the cubes into groups.
(Place objects into a group.)

Teacher Now, to learn the quotient, let's count the number of groups we created. We have __, __, __, ... groups.
(Count groups.)

Teacher How many groups?

Students __.

Teacher Yes! There are __ groups. So, __ divided by __ equals __. Let's say that together.

Students __ divided by __ equals __.

Teacher Let's say it together again.

Students __ divided by __ equals __.

Teacher So, if you have __ cubes and measure the cubes into groups of __, the quotient is __. __ divided by __ equals __. Let's review. What's a dividend?

Students The total number that will be divided.

Teacher What's a divisor?

Students The number we place into each group.

Teacher What's a quotient?

Students The number of groups we made by measuring the cubes into groups.

Teacher What does it mean to use quotative or measurement division?

Students To place objects into groups.

Teacher How could you explain dividing to a friend?

Students We started a total number of cubes. We placed the cubes into groups. The quotient was the number of groups we created.

Example

$$15 \div 3 = 5$$

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Students Quotative.

Teacher Quotative or measurement division means we'll measure objects into groups. What does quotative or measurement division mean?

Students We'll measure objects into groups.
(Show problem.)

Teacher First, I see a division sign (point). The division sign tells us to divide. What does the division sign mean?

Students To divide.

Teacher Today we'll divide using quotative or measurement division, but there are other ways to divide – like partitive division or equal shares. Let's start by getting our beans.
(Move beans to workspace.)

Teacher Our dividend is 15. What's our dividend?

Students 15.

Teacher Let's show this dividend by showing 15 beans.
(Use beans to show dividend.)

Teacher How many beans?

Students 15.

Teacher Our divisor is 3. What's our divisor?

Students 3.

Teacher Let's show the divisor by measuring groups of 3. The divisor tells us how many objects will be in each group. How many will be in each group?

Students 3.

Teacher So, we have 15 beans to measure into groups of 3. Let's divide by measuring the objects into groups of 3. How will we divide?

Students Measure the objects into groups of 3.

Teacher So, let's make a group of 3. I'll place 1, 2, 3 beans into this group.
(Place objects into a group.)

Teacher Now, do we have more beans to make another group?

Students Yes!

Teacher Let's keep measuring the objects into groups. That means, I'll place 1, 2, 3 beans into this group.
(Place objects into a group.)

Teacher We keep measuring groups until we've placed all the beans into groups.
(Place objects into a group.)

Teacher Now, to learn the quotient, let's count the number of groups we created. We have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 groups.
(Count groups.)

Teacher How many groups?

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D. Problems for Use During Instruction

[See Module 13 Problem Sets.](#)

E. Vocabulary Cards for Use During Instruction

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Module 13:

Concepts of Division

Problem Sets

A. Division facts (60)

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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5



24

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4



$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ \div 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ \div 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 1 \overline{) 6} \end{array}$$

81

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9



30

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6



$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 4 \overline{) 8} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ \div 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

18

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9



24

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6



64

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8



20

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4



$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ 3 \overline{) 27} \end{array}$$

32

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4



25

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5



$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ \div 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ \div 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ \div 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

27

÷ 3



28

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7



$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \div \\ \hline 3 \\ 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ \div 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

36

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6



$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ \div 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 16 \\ \div 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

16

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4



$$\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ \div 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

49

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7



$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 5 \overline{) \div} \end{array}$$

12

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6



$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

40

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5



$$\begin{array}{r} 56 \\ \div 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 16 \\ \div 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

20

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5



72

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8



63

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9



$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ \div 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \\ 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

42

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7



45

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9



54

÷ 6



$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ \div 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

36

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4



35

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7



$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ \div 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ \div 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

42

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6



54

÷ 9



15

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5



$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

48

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8



Module 13: Concepts of Division

Vocabulary Cards

divide/division

dividend

division sign

divisor

equal groups

equal sign

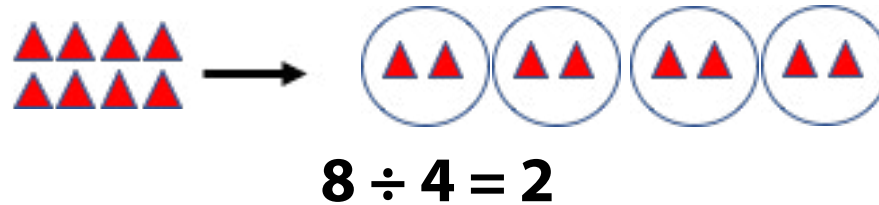
partitive division

quotative division

quotient

divide/division

To separate into equal groups or among groups.



dividend

The number to be divided.

$$16 \div 8 = 2$$

16 is the **dividend**

division sign

The symbol that tells you to divide.

$$16 \div 8 = 2$$

\div is the **division sign**

divisor

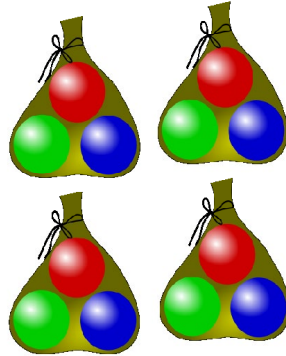
The number the dividend is divided by.

$$16 \div 8 = 2$$

8 is the **divisor**

equal groups

Groups with the same number of objects or items in each group.



equal sign

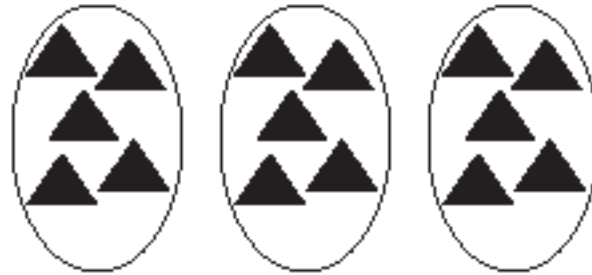
The symbol that tells you that two sides of an equation are the same, balanced, or equal.

$$16 \div 8 = 2$$

= is the equal sign

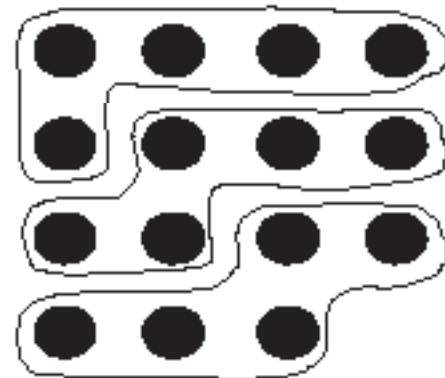
partitive division

A way of dividing where you share items into a pre-determined number of groups.



quotative division

A way of dividing where you measure a pre-determined amount of items into an unknown number of groups



quotient

The result when one number is divided by another number.

$$16 \div 8 = 2$$

2 is the **quotient**
