Modeling Division

Division is a skill that you have been using for a very long time. If you have brothers or sisters, you have divided. If you have friends, you have divided. Division is a type of mathematics that focused on splitting a quantity into equal groups.

Vocabulary		
Division	The act of sharing or splitting a quantity into a number of equal groups.	
Dividend	The quantity that will be divided.	
Divisor	The number of groups in which a dividend is divided into.	
Quotient	The answer to a division problem.	

Read from left to right

Division Symbols

4 24

Read from right to left

24 ÷ **4 3** 24 split evenly into 4 groups

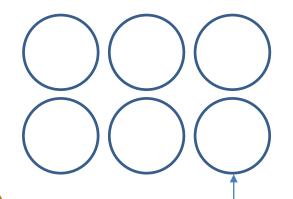
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Division Strategies

Equal Groups

Using equal groups to divide a number is a very effective strategy. Look at the problem below.

"A teacher has 24 pencils that she wants to share equally with her 6 students. How many pencils will each student get?"



Repeated Subtraction

Using repeated subtraction can be used to quickly divide numbers that can be easily skip counted. Try it on this problem.

"A man had \$80.00 dollars. He wanted to buy as many \$10.00 pizzas as he could afford. How many pizzas could he buy?

What numbers are easy to skip count by?

24 ÷ 4 =	= 15 ÷ 5
= 42 ÷ 6	30 ÷ 10 =
39	9 27
5 40	412