

Write Fractions as Sums

A **unit fraction** tells the part of the whole that 1 piece represents.

A unit fraction always has a numerator of 1.

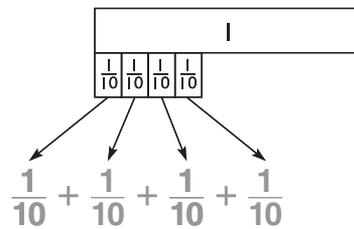
Bryan has $\frac{4}{10}$ pound of clay for making clay figures. He wants to use $\frac{1}{10}$ pound of clay for each figure. How many clay figures can he make?

Use fraction strips to write $\frac{4}{10}$ as a sum of unit fractions.

Step 1 Represent $\frac{4}{10}$ with fraction strips.

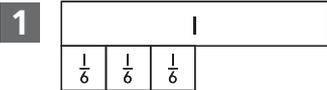
Step 2 Each $\frac{1}{10}$ is a unit fraction. Write a $\frac{1}{10}$ addend for each $\frac{1}{10}$ -strip you used to show $\frac{4}{10}$.

Step 3 Count the number of addends. The number of addends represents the number of clay figures Bryan can make.

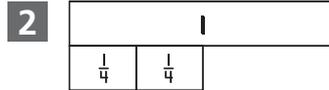


So, Bryan can make 4 clay figures.

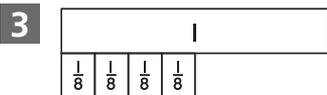
Write the fraction as the sum of unit fractions.



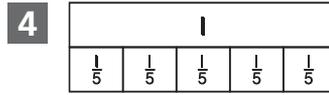
$$\frac{3}{6} = \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad}$$



$$\frac{2}{4} = \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad}$$



$$\frac{4}{8} = \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad}$$



$$\frac{5}{5} = \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad}$$