

## KEYBOARD GUIDE FOR FRACTIONS 1

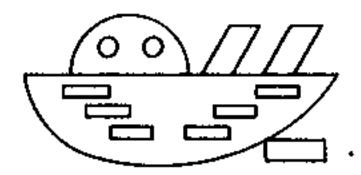
PRESS	TO
ENTER	<ul> <li>pass through title screens quickly.</li> <li>speed the appearance of the next problem.</li> </ul>
Space Bar	<ul> <li>move the cursor or a designated object on the screen.</li> <li>temporarily freeze a screen. The program continues when the space bar is released.</li> </ul>
Period Key (.)	see the beginning of each activity in the module in consecutive order. Start at the main list of activities. Hold the (.) key down until you reach the activity you want.
FCTN 3 (ERASE)	<ul> <li>erase the first number of a two-digit answer before the complete answer is typed.</li> </ul>
FCTN 4 (CLEAR)	<ul> <li>erase part of an answer before the complete answer is typed.</li> </ul>
FCTN 5 (BEGIN)	return to the main list of activities at the beginning of the module.
FCTN 6 (PROC'D)	<ul> <li>leave the teaching example and begin the practice exercises.</li> </ul>
FCTN 7 (AID)	<ul> <li>view the teaching example appropriate to the practice exercises being done.</li> </ul>
FCTN 8 (REDO)	■ begin an activity again.
FCTN 9 (BACK)	<ul> <li>return to the teaching example/practice exercise choice screen, or, if there is no teaching example, return to the main selection list of activities.</li> </ul>
FCTN = (QUIT)	end work on the module.

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# FRACTIONS 1

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The module can be used with or without the Texas Instruments Solid State Speech™ Synthesizer.

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#### **School Materials**

A Teacher's Guide for this module is also available. The Guide includes teaching objectives, suggestions for classroom use, and reproducible record-keeping forms and worksheets. For ordering information contact:

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## ABOUT THE MODULE

Fractions 1 is an innovative way to learn about fractions. The module uses color, sound, music, and animation to bring math alive. The practice exercises motivate and challenge children, and at the same time make learning fun. You can be assured that this module was carefully designed by educational experts to provide a solid foundation in essential mathematics skills.

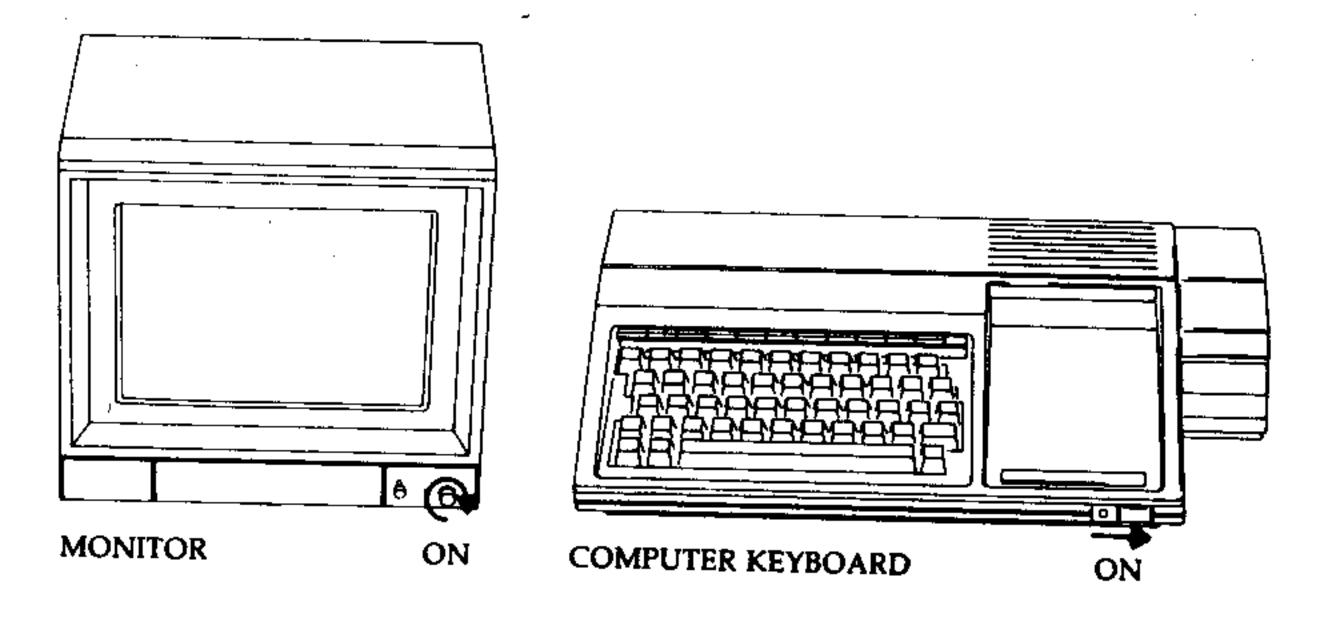
Fractions 1 focuses on the meaning of fractions and the skills of writing and illustrating fractions of a whole and of a group. Activities are also included on writing equivalent fractions and on writing and illustrating mixed numbers. The six activities in Fractions 1 follow the same sequence of skill-building that most classroom teachers use in grades three through five and should be done in numerical order.

Look for these special features in the module:

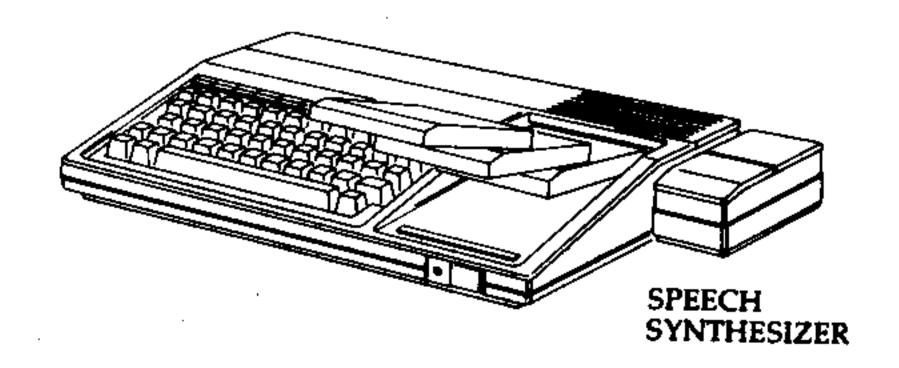
- simple instructions which allow children to use the module with little or no supervision
- teaching examples, practice exercises, and review activities
- built-in management that allows children to advance at their own pace and provides additional teaching examples when necessary
- musical and graphic rewards for correct answers
- color, sound, and animation
- voiced reinforcement of directions and correct answers through optional use of a speech synthesizer
- numbers which are randomly generated so children receive new problems each time the exercises appear
- two chances to answer each exercise correctly before the computer supplies the correct answer
- durable hardware and software components with useful keyboard functions programmed into the module

## **GETTING STARTED**

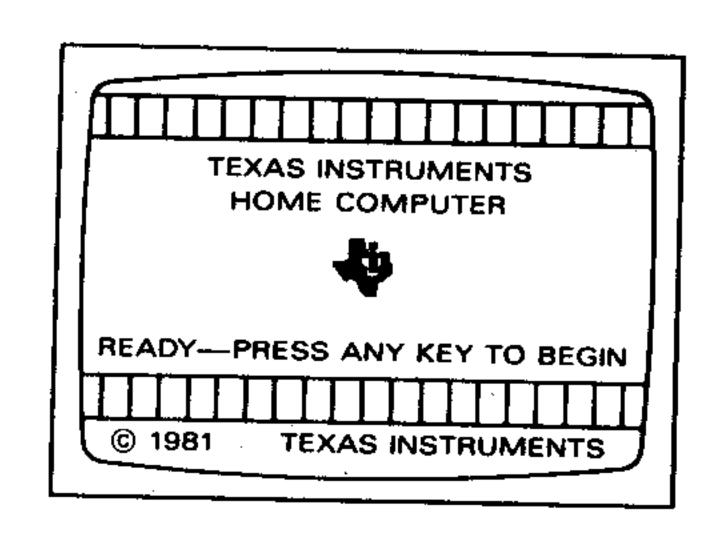
1. Turn switches on.



Insert module.



3. Wait for this screen to appear.



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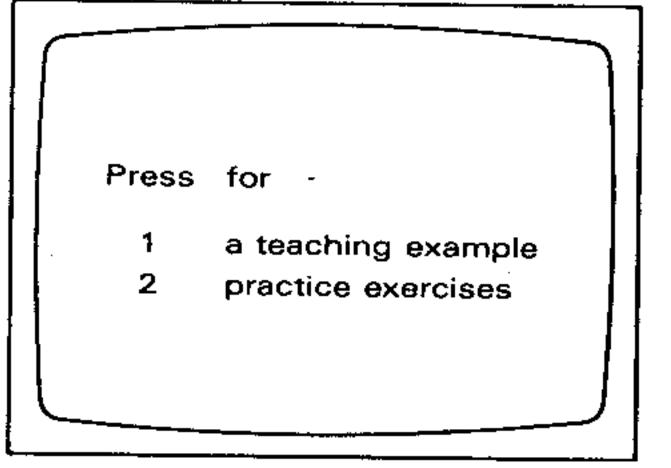
- 4. If you do not see the Texas Instruments title screen, check to see if:
  - the computer keyboard and monitor are plugged in.
  - the cable connecting the keyboard and monitor is properly connected.
  - both the computer and monitor are turned on.
  - the module is properly inserted.

Press any key. The Scott, Foresman copyright screen and the **Fractions 1** title screen are displayed. Next you will see the main selection list of activities:

#### PRESS FOR

- 1 WHAT IS A FRACTION?
- 2 A FRACTION OF MANY
- 3 EQUAL FRACTIONS
- 4 MIXED NUMBERS
- 5 APPLICATIONS
- 6 REVIEW

The activities should be done in order since each activity is more advanced than the one before it. If you are working on the module for the first time, press 1 to go to the first activity. If you have worked with the module before, press the number of the next activity you want to do. When you press a number the activity title screen will appear. Then in the first five activities the computer will ask you to make a choice.

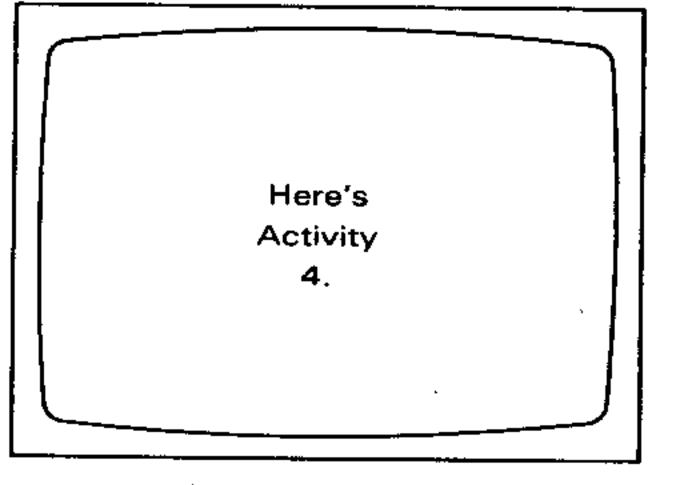


Press 1 to see a teaching example. You may see as many examples as you want before doing the practice exercises. Press 2 to go directly to the practice exercises. Follow the directions on the screen for each activity. As you do the exercises, the computer keeps track of how you are doing. If your score is 80% or higher you will see your score, and you can go on.

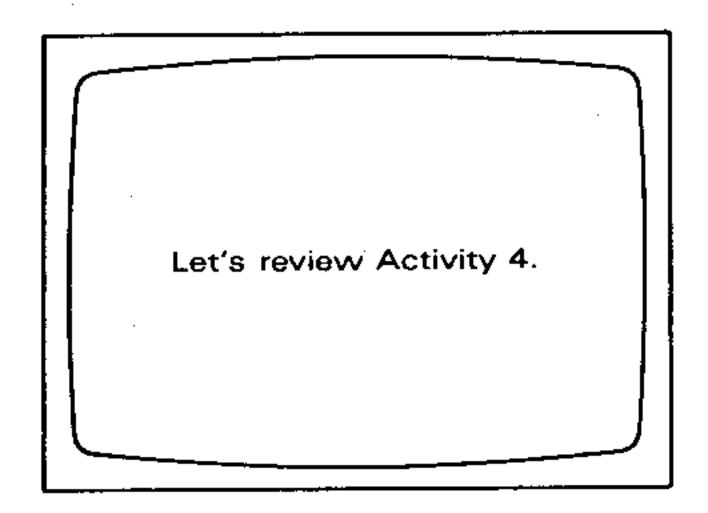
You have finished Activity 3.

You got 16 out of 16 responses correct, which is 100%.

Press ENTER to go on.



If, however, your score is less than 60%, you will see the following screen, and a sample problem will be shown. You can see as many sample problems as you want before a new set of practice exercises is given.



If your score is between 60% and 80% the computer will continue giving problems until your score falls below 60% or goes above 80%.

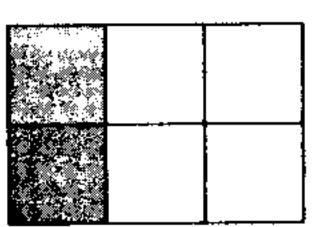
You can use the special function keys to return to the list of activities at the beginning of the module, to start an activity over again, or to get help with the activity you are working on. See the inside front cover of this book for an explanation of these and other special functions built into **Fractions 1**.

When you are finished working on the module, press FCTN = (QUIT). The Texas Instruments title screen will reappear and you may safely remove the module.

### **ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES**

#### 1. What Is a Fraction?

The teaching examples illustrate what the numbers in a fraction represent and introduce the words used for reading fractions aloud. The practice sections require children to identify what fraction of a whole is shaded and to write a fraction when it is expressed in words rather than in numbers.

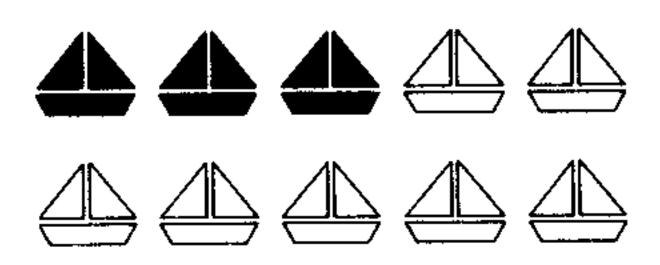


 $\frac{2}{6}$  is shaded.

Two sixths is shaded. 2 is a fraction.

## 2. A Fraction of Many

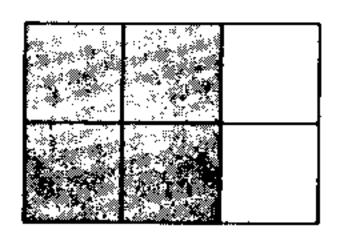
The teaching section focuses on identifying and illustrating a fraction of a group of objects. In the practice exercises, when a group of objects is shown, children must determine what fraction is shaded. Children are also asked to illustrate a given fraction by using the space bar to shade part of a group of objects.



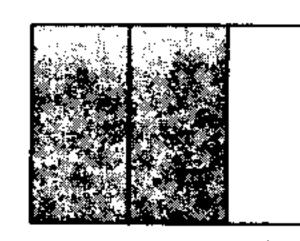
How many are black? 3
How many in all? 10
What fraction are black? 3
10

## 3. Equal Fractions

The teaching section uses rectangles of equal size to illustrate equal fractions. The rectangles have an equal amount of shaded area, but each rectangle has a different number of equal partitions. In the practice exercises children must fill in the missing numbers of equivalent fractions. The rectangle pictures are displayed, if necessary, as an aid to answering the problem.

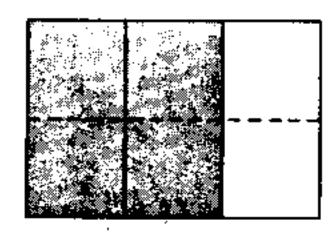


 $\frac{4}{6}$  is shaded.



 $\frac{2}{3}$  is shaded.

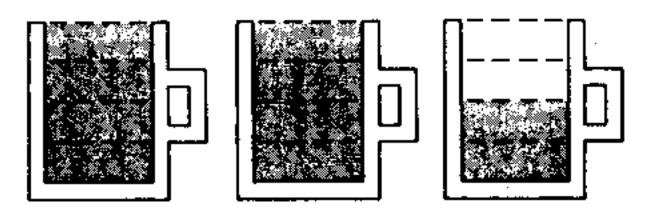
$$\frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$



Four sixths equals two thirds.

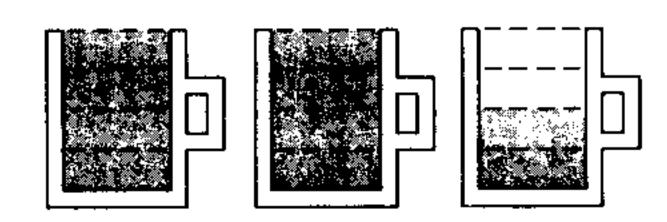
#### 4. Mixed Numbers

The teaching section uses sets of containers which are filled or partially filled to illustrate mixed numbers. In one set of practice exercises children must give the mixed number that is represented in the picture. In the second set of exercises a set of objects is displayed on the screen, and the space bar must be used to shade the objects to represent a given mixed number.



 $2\frac{2}{4}$  mugs filled.

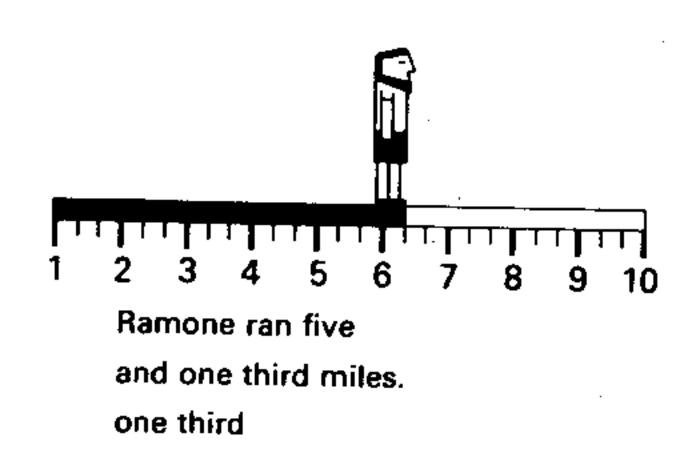
There are three mugs.
Two and two fourths
are filled.



whole number  $\Rightarrow 2\frac{2}{4} \Leftrightarrow$  fraction  $2\frac{2}{4}$  is a mixed number.

## 5. Applications

A number line is used to illustrate how mixed numbers might be used to indicate the distance a person has traveled. Children must use the space bar to move a figure a given distance on the number line.



#### 6. Review

The Review gives problems from each of the first five activities. Only one opportunity is given to respond correctly to a problem. At the end of the activity a score is given, as well as a list of activities that require more practice.

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Basic division skills	8-11
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Addition and subtraction of fractions	9-11
Introductory decimals concepts; addition and subtraction of decimals	9-11
Multiplication of decimals	10-11
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## **PROGRESS CHART**

Put an X in a box each time you start an activity. When you finish the activity, fill in the number of problems that you got correct and the number of total problems that you did. Also fill in the percentage score the computer gives you.

1	WHAT IS A FRACTION?	Score out of
2	A FRACTION OF MANY	Score out of
3	EQUAL FRACTIONS	Score out of
4	MIXED NUMBERS	Score out of
5	APPLICATIONS	Score out of
6	REVIEW	Score out of

List the activities you need to review: