

To be able to represent fractions greater than 1 using a number line

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**Starter:**  
Draw arrows to estimate  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ , then complete the comparisons.

$\frac{1}{2}$    $\frac{1}{4}$   
 $\frac{1}{3}$    $\frac{1}{2}$   
 $\frac{1}{4}$    $\frac{1}{2}$

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**Activity 1:**  
Write four fractions that are equal to 1. What do you notice?  
Complete the number line below.

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**Activity 2:**  
Estimate where  $\frac{2}{3}$  would go on the number line below.

Estimate where  $1\frac{3}{4}$  would go on the number line below.

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**Activity 3:**  
Place the fractions in the correct column within the table below.

|                 | fractions less than 1 | fractions equal to 1 | fractions greater than 1 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| $\frac{7}{10}$  |                       |                      |                          |
| $\frac{8}{3}$   |                       |                      |                          |
| $\frac{7}{6}$   |                       |                      |                          |
| $\frac{10}{10}$ |                       |                      |                          |

$\frac{3}{5}$   
 $\frac{11}{10}$   
 $\frac{3}{3}$   
 $\frac{5}{8}$   
 $\frac{8}{8}$

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**Activity 4:**  
Place the fraction represented by the diagram on the number line below.

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**Activity 4 (continued):**  
Place the fraction represented by the diagram on the number line below.

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Evaluation:



One third is less  
than one sixth.



Do you agree?

Use the number line above to help explain your answer.