

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.

0 ————— 1     $\frac{1}{2}$  ○  $\frac{1}{4}$

0 ————— 1     $\frac{1}{3}$  ○  $\frac{1}{2}$

0 ————— 1     $\frac{1}{4}$  ○  $\frac{1}{2}$

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**Activity 1:** Write four fractions that are equal to 1. What do you notice?

Complete the number line below.

0 ————— 1

0     $\frac{2}{4}$   $\frac{3}{4}$

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

0 ————— 1

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

0 ————— 1 ————— 2

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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.

0 ————— 1 ————— 2

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

0 ————— 1 ————— 2

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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.