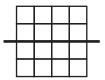
Equal Areas and Fractions

You can use equal areas to model unit fractions. Divide this square into two equal parts.



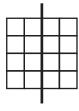
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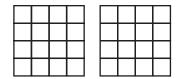
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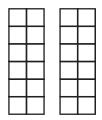


For **1–2**, show two ways to separate the rectangle into equal parts.

1. 4 equal parts



2. 6 equal parts



In each rectangle, what is the fraction that shows the area of one of the parts? What is the area of each part?

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