

COMPARING FRACTIONS

game



includes like and unlike numerators + denominators as well as editable slides

TEK 3.2H & 4.2D



TEACHER TIPS & TRICKS

Getting started:

This activity is perfect for introducing comparing fractions. This activity works best as a day 1 starter for comparing fractions. Students do not need to be taught that the larger denominator is smaller pieces or vice versa, they will figure that out as they go!

Decide what food items you are going to want to use. This resource includes Rice Krispies, cookies, sour straws, chocolate bars, and bananas. You do not need to have all those food items. Choose 2 or 3 you want use for the activity.

Delete the slides from the PowerPoint that you do not need. If you are teaching third grade, you need to delete the slides that include fractions with different numerator and denominators. There are also editable slides if you want to add in your own fraction comparison problems. Since this activity is designed to be an introduction to comparing fractions, I would suggest doing 6-8 slides

When using this in class, choose a student (I like to use a random name selector) to tell you if they rather have ____ or _____. Have students help you correctly cut the food item based on the denominator, then give the student the amount they chose. You can give another student the other amount or keep it for yourself. Have student analyze if the student made the correct choice or not (chose the bigger fraction). The more slides you go through, the more lightbulbs will come on.

Have students debrief at the end what they have learned about comparing fractions and what conclusions they have drawn.

CLICK THE LINK FOR THE GOOGLE SLIDES VERSION OF THIS ACTIVITY.

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