







NS4-58: The Two Meanings of Division

Daniel bought 12 fish from a pet store: 

Daniel has 4 fish bowls. How many fish can he put in each fish bowl? Daniel counts by 4s to find out:

4  → "I could put one fish in each bowl." (4 are placed) → 

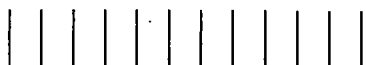
8  → "I could put one more in each bowl." (8 are placed) → 

12  → "I could put one more in each bowl." (12 are placed) → 


He has raised 3 fingers, so he knows that $12 \div 4 = 3$. He puts 3 fish in each fish bowl.


1. Draw circles to divide the objects into the number of sets given.


HINT: Divide the number of objects by the number of sets to find the number of objects in each set.

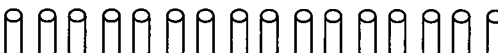
a) 
 3 equal sets


b) 
 5 equal sets


c) 
 2 equal sets

d) 
 4 equal sets

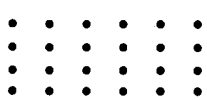
e) 
 7 equal sets

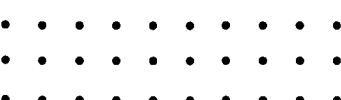
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 2 equal sets

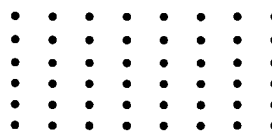
g) 
 3 equal sets

h) 
 6 equal sets

BONUS

i) 
 3 equal sets

j) 
 5 equal sets

k) 
 4 equal sets

2. Azul has 16 fish and 4 fish bowls. How many fish can he put in each bowl?

Write a division statement for your answer. _____