Equal Shares
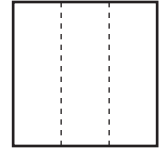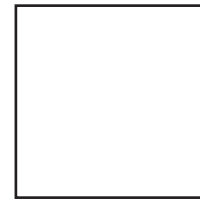
Family Note

In this lesson your child divided shapes into 2, 3, or 4 equal parts and used words to first name 1 equal part and then to name all of the equal parts together. For example, the square at the right is divided into 3 equal parts.

Each of the parts can be named *one-third, 1-third,* or *1 out of 3 equal parts*. All of the parts together can be named *three-thirds, 3-thirds, or 3 out of 3 equal parts*. Although your child may have had experience with standard notation for fractions ($\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{3}{3}$, and so on), the formal introduction of standard notation occurs in third grade.

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1 Divide this square into 2 equal parts.

Circle names for 1 part.

one-half   1-half   2 out of   1 out of
                              3 equal parts   2 equal parts

Circle names for all of the parts.

1 out of   2-halves   two-halves   2 out of
3 equal parts   2 equal parts

2 Divide this square into 4 equal parts.

Circle names for 1 part.

1 out of   1-fourth   1 out of   one-quarter
4 equal parts   3 equal parts

Circle names for all of the parts.

whole   four-fourths   one-quarter   4 out of
                                                4 equal parts