

MORE THAN, LESS THAN $\frac{1}{2}$

Learning Objective: Identify fractions as more than or less than $\frac{1}{2}$ (or a given amount).

Intended Outcome: Accurate identification of fractions, comparing fraction values.

Game Objective: To collect 5 fractions more than $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 fractions less than $\frac{1}{2}$.

Materials:

- 2x ten-sided dice
- Paper and pen for recording

Instructions:

Play this game in pairs or small groups.

1. Players take turns to roll two ten-sided dice.
2. The smaller number is the numerator and the larger number is the denominator.
3. Place the fraction made on a chart showing if it is more than, less than or equal to $\frac{1}{2}$.
For example, if the numbers 8 and 1 were rolled, the fraction would be $\frac{1}{8}$. Or, if the two numbers rolled were 2 and 3, the fraction would be $\frac{2}{3}$.

Less than $\frac{1}{2}$	Equal to $\frac{1}{2}$	More than $\frac{1}{2}$
$< \frac{1}{2}$	$= \frac{1}{2}$	$> \frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{1}{8}$		$\frac{2}{3}$

4. The first player to have 5 fractions in the less than $\frac{1}{2}$ column AND 5 fractions in the more than $\frac{1}{2}$ column wins.

Hint: A fraction wall could be a useful tool!

Variations:

Change the given fraction to another, for example instead of finding fractions less than and more than $\frac{1}{2}$ find fractions that are less than and more than $\frac{1}{3}$.

Increase the amount of fractions the student must collect to win.

Use decimal notation instead of fraction notation.