Division Glossary

D
denominator

the bottom number of a fraction that tells the number of equal parts on the whole

Example: In the fraction 2/3, 3 is the denominator

dividend

a number to be divided by another number

Example: 63 ÷ 7 = 9  63 is the dividend

divisor

the number by which a dividend is divided

Example: 63 ÷ 7 = 9  7 is the divisor

E
estimate

to find a number that is close to the exact answer

F
fraction

numbers that represent a part of a whole number; the line (—) or slash (/) means divided by

Example: 2/3 (two thirds) means 2 divided by 3

H
horizontal

the opposite of vertical; lines, words, or numbers running across the page from left to right; parallel to the ground
**N**

**numerator**

the top number of a fraction that tells the number of equal parts considered in the fraction

*Example:* In the fraction $2/3$, 2 is the numerator

**Q**

**quotient**

the number other than the remainder that is the result of dividing

*Example:* $63 \div 7 = 9$, 9 is the quotient

**R**

**remainder**

the amount "left over" after performing division

**V**

**vertical**

opposite of horizontal; lines, words, or numbers running up–and-down