

Give Me Half!

Grade 1

4 skill lessons · 2 math-through-reading

Skill lessons

4 lessons on the mathematics the book carries. Printable workbook pages are currently available for 4 of 4 lessons; separate teacher keys are available for 2 of 4.

1. Split It in Two, Cut It the Same

Concept · Partitioning one whole into two equal shares

2. Half and Half Makes One Whole

Representation · Composing two halves into one whole

3. One for You, One for Me: Half the Pack

Application · Halving a set of two objects in a fair share

4. Fair or Not Fair: Prove It by Matching

Reasoning · Judging whether two shares are equal

Math through the reading

The mathematics is reached through a sentence the book prints: change one word in the reading and the numbers change with it. These carry their own standards, matched against these lessons rather than inherited from the skill ones.

5. Change One Word, Change the Cut

Integrated · Students carry out the book's cutting rule and a version with one word changed, then hold the two piles of paper side by side to see which sentence made halves.

6. Is One Slice Half?

Integrated · Students cut the two pizzas the story's argument could be about, take a side on whether one slice was a fair share, and defend it with a number and a piece of paper a partner can check.

Reading and language lessons

3 lessons on the reading and language the book carries - what a word means in its sentence, how a character is shown, how a text is built. No mathematics: these are matched against the English language arts curricula, which are a different and smaller set than the mathematics ones.

7. The word at the end of the line says it twice

Concept · Recognizing and producing rhyming words

8. What the voice wants is right there in the words

Concept · Telling what a character wants and feels from what the character says

9. First the pizza, last of all the mop

Application · Retelling a story in order using sequence words