Fraction Word Problems

Here we are using fractions in everyday life. We'll do the first one together.

1. There are three red cars and two black cars at the light.

What fraction of the cars are black?

First add up all the objects or cars in the word problem –

3 red cars + 2 black cars = 5 cars altogether.

5 is the number you will put at the bottom of your fraction like this:

$$\frac{\quad}{5}$$

The question then asks what fraction are black. Well, there are 2 black cars so guess what number we write on top???

2. Paul has three new friends and four old friends. What fraction of the friends are old?

Total number of friends goes here _____. On top put the amount of old friends.

3. Justin has two blue shirts and five yellow shirts. What fraction of his shirts are blue?

4. Jeanie planted seven tulips and seven daisies. What fraction of the flowers are daisies?