Eleven Plus Maths How To Do – Numerators and Denominators

The special names for the parts of a fraction are these

$\dfrac{5}{8}$ Numerator
        Denominator

The Denominator tells us in to how many parts a fraction has been divided. It is the bottom line of the fraction. The line _____ shows us that the fraction has been divided.

In the fraction $\dfrac{4}{9}$ we know that the whole has been divided in to 9 parts.

It is the naming part of the fraction.

The Numerator

In the fraction $\dfrac{3}{5}$ we know that the whole has been divided in to 5 parts, but we know that 3

parts have been taken up.

The numerator tells us the number of parts of the fraction that have been taken up.