

4th Grade Math

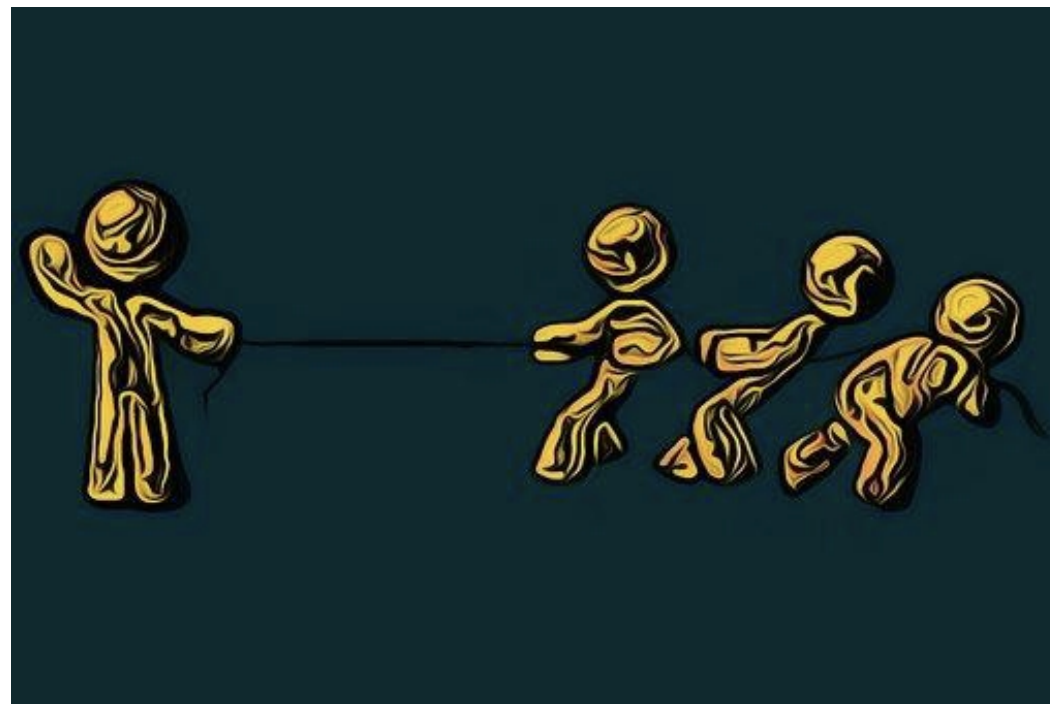
Objectives

The students will be able to identify the type of bias or other fallacy in a math example by using critical thinking skills.

The students will be able to explain why this example is biased or contains a fallacy.

3 main fallacies

Bias



Correlation is not causation

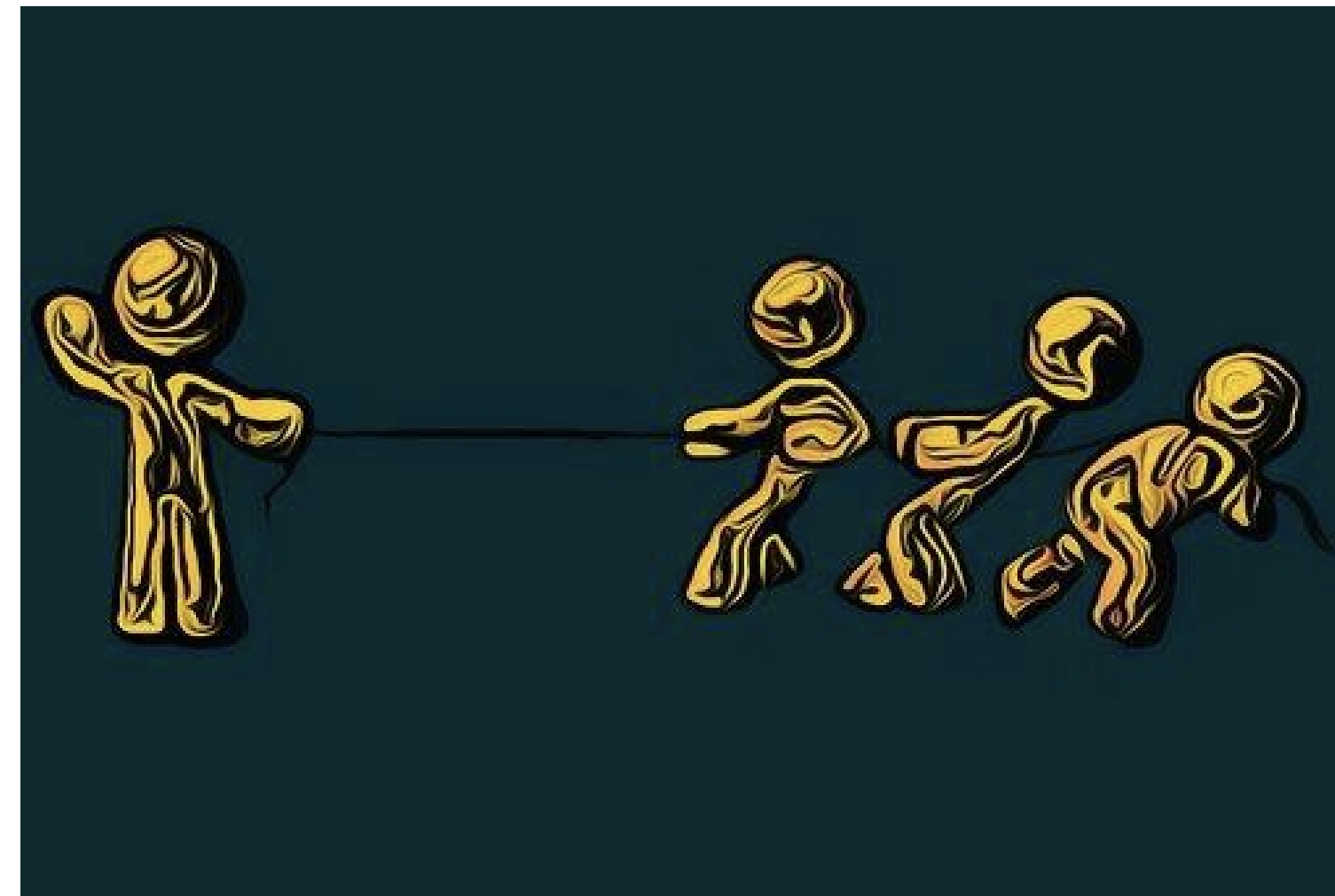


Random chance



Bias

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Find Bias

Look in newspaper or magazine articles for bias. Find an example of bias with numbers. Be ready to explain how this bias is a fallacy.



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- Could include a group
- Could include more information or withhold information to persuade the reader

Math example

There is a sale at a store. The price tag is hidden. Without looking at the price tag, a woman makes a comment that she could afford the small piece of jewelry because she has \$100,000.

Look at the price tag of the small piece of jewelry. Round the price tag to the nearest hundred thousandths to determine if the woman could afford it.



\$999,010.00

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Find Correlations!

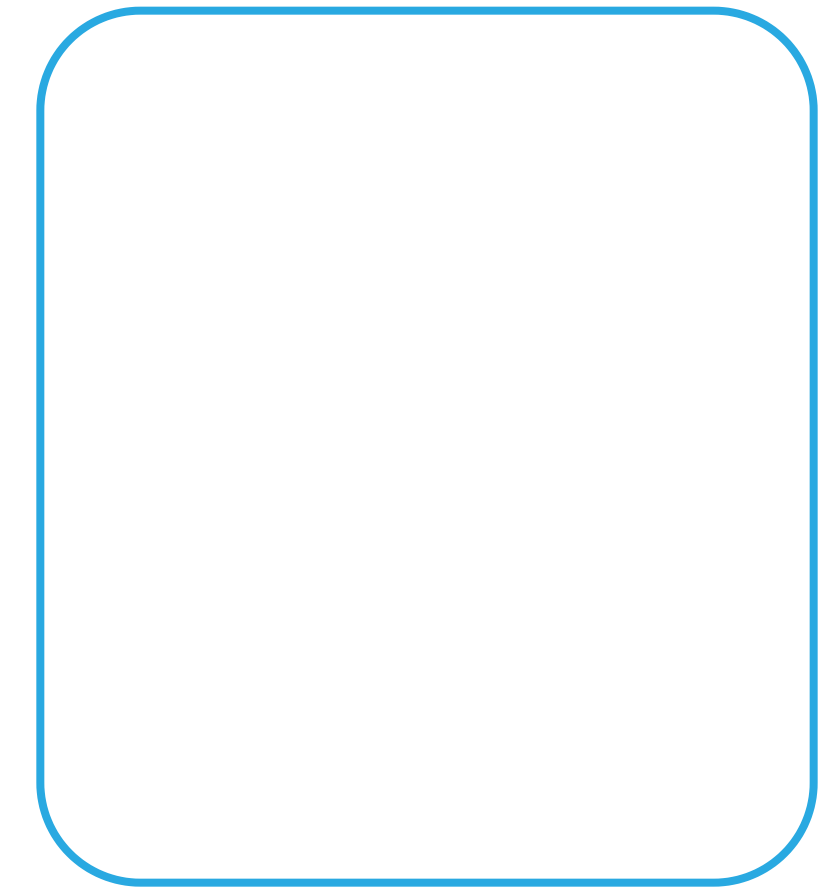
Find two numbers or situations that have something in common with each other. Explain how these numbers are related.



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Math example



“The fraction, $5/8$, must be a bigger fraction than the other because both numbers in this fraction are larger than the other fraction, $3/4$.”

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Bingo Chances

Explain how playing bingo is a game of chance. What probability do you have for winning?

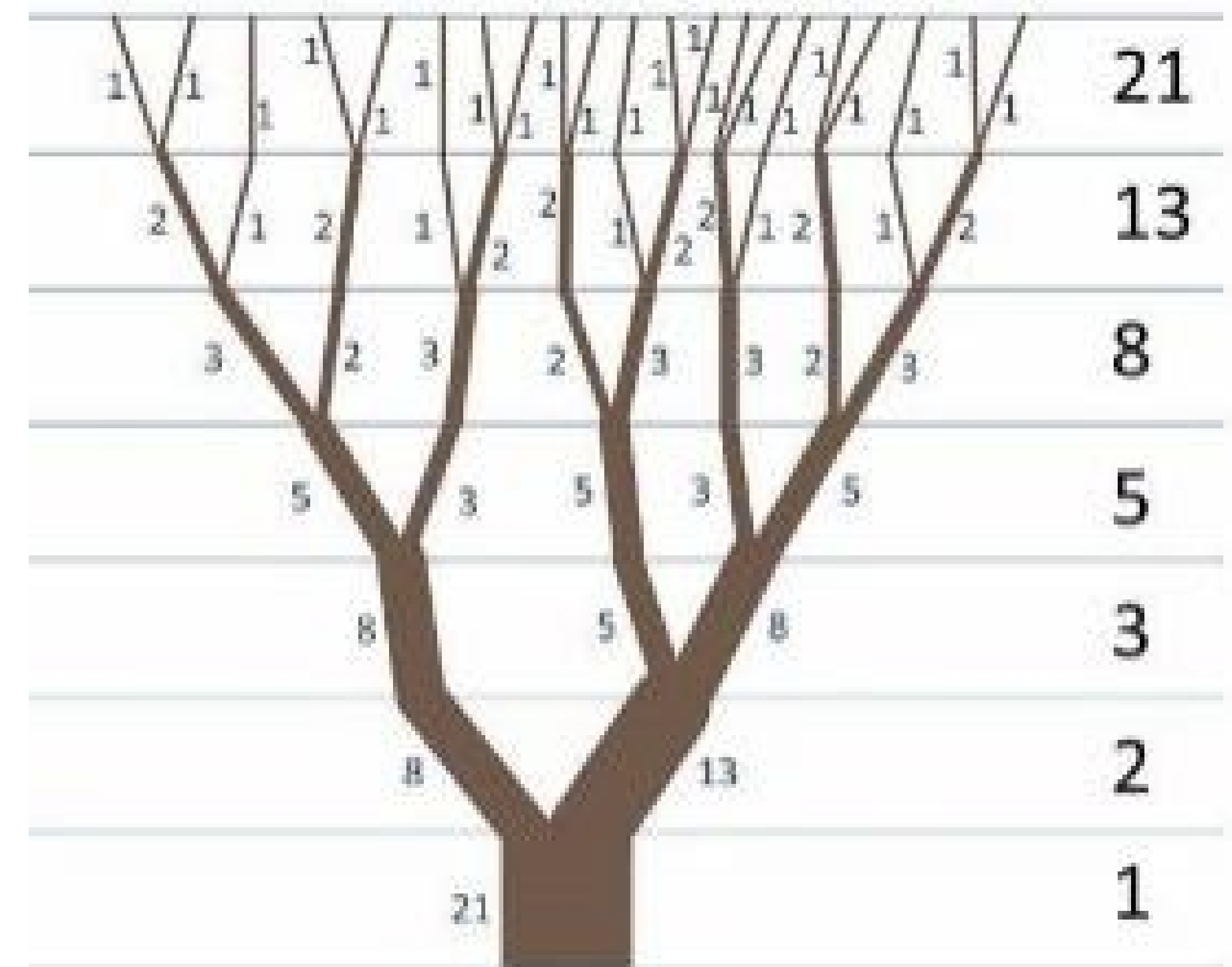


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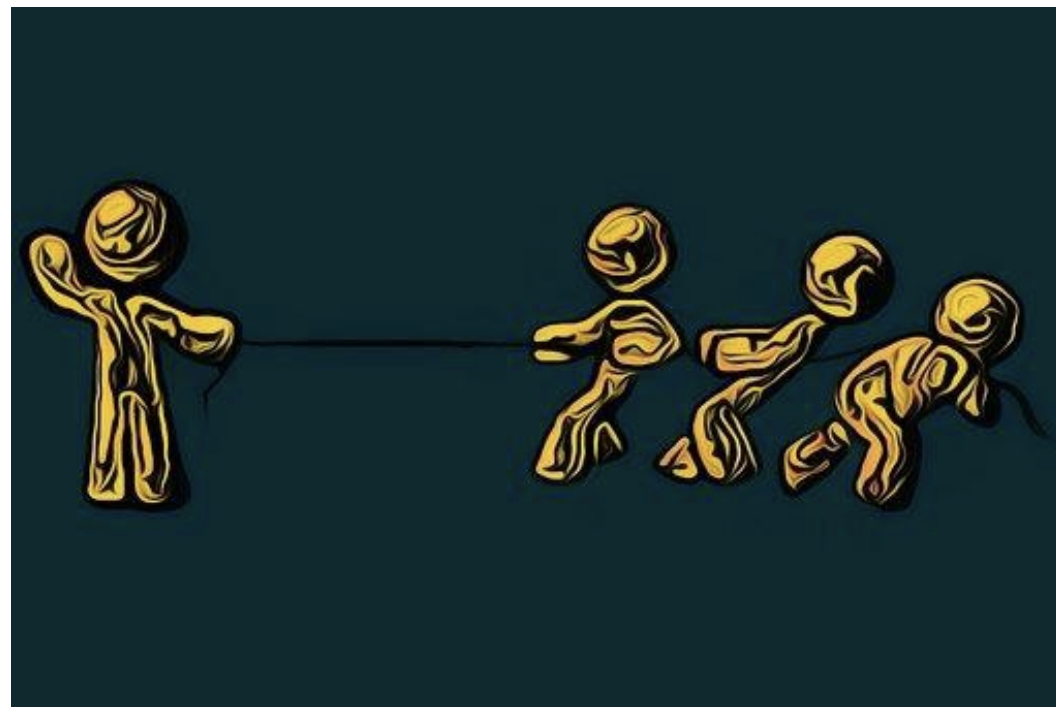
Patterns and sequences happen in nature. Look at the picture of the tree and number of branches. What would be the next number in the patterns?



Review

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