

FRACTIONAL PHRASES

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The phrase HAND OVER FIST could be interpreted as an instruction to place the word HAND over the word FIST. When the letters of HAND and FIST are assigned their alphabetical values (a = 1, b = 2 etc.), HAND (8+1+14+4) = 27 and FIST (6+9+19+20) = 54. So HAND over FIST = 27/54 which can be reduced to 1/2. Hence, HAND OVER FIST is a fractional phrase equal to one half.

Other words can instruct the placement of one word(s) over another word(s) in this way: ON, UPON, ABOVE, ON TOP OF and ACROSS. Similarly, certain words instruct a word(s) to be placed under another word(s): UNDER, BELOW and BENEATH.

Here is a selection of Fractional Phrases:

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| 1/4 HE'S <u>OVER</u> THE WORST = 32/128 | 1/2 SELL <u>OVER</u> THE COUNTER = 48/96 |
| 3/4 YOU'RE <u>OVERWROUGHT</u> = 84/112 | 3/4 SNOWED <u>UNDER</u> WITH = 60/80 |
| 5/8 THREE <u>UNDER</u> PAR = 35/56 | 15/16 MUCH <u>OVERRATED</u> = 45/48 |
| 2/5 FOG <u>OVER</u> FRISCO (1934 film) = 28/70 | 3/5 COME <u>ACROSS</u> WITH = 36/60 |
| 3/5 CHEESE <u>ON</u> TOAST = 45/75 | 4/5 LIFE <u>ON</u> BOARD = 32/40 |
| 7/10 MAN <u>OVERBOARD</u> = 28/40 | 1/15 BE <u>ON TOP OF</u> THE WORLD = 7/105 |
| 8/15 BLOOD <u>ON</u> THE MOON (1948 Film) = 48/90 | 14/15 SOFT <u>UNDERBELLY</u> = 56/60 |
| 1/3 NOT <u>ON</u> YOUR NELLY = 49/147 | 2/3 I'M <u>OVERAWED</u> = 22/33 |
| 1/6 HEAD <u>ON</u> COLLISION = 18/108 | 5/6 CAUGHT <u>ON</u> THE HOP = 60/72 |
| 1/7 HEAD <u>OVER</u> HEELS IN LOVE = 18/126 | 5/7 CARRY <u>ON</u> CONSTABLE (1960 film)=65/91 |
| 5/14 ALL <u>OVER</u> THE PLACE = 25/70 | 7/9 SEND <u>OVER</u> THE EDGE = 42/54 |
| 6/11 PATCH <u>OVER</u> THE CRACKS = 48/88 | 7/11 PAPER <u>OVER</u> THE CRACKS = 56/88 |

A few phrases of this genre make fractions whose numerator and denominator are **numerical reversals**.

Imagine the fraction line to be horizontal and each forms a kind of **vertical numerical palindrome**:

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| 51/15 SHE'S <u>OVER</u> FED | 16/61 LIFE <u>ON</u> THE OCEAN WAVE |
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Some phrases make fractions which reduce to a **whole number**. When the whole number is 1, and the fraction line is horizontal, the fractions could be regarded as **vertical numerical tautonyms**.

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| 1 WHAT <u>ON</u> EARTH = 52/52 | 1 CORN <u>ON</u> THE COB = 37/37 |
| 1 TO LAY <u>UPON</u> THE TABLE = 73/73 | 1 TO HIT <u>BELOW</u> THE BELT = 72/72 |
| 3 BAGS <u>UNDER</u> THE EYES = 87/29 | 4 TAKE A CHANCE <u>ON</u> ME = 72/18 |