## 11. THIS IS JUST HALF A PROBLEM

Sometimes it is just the simple math problems that get you. Back when I was in high school I already noticed people commonly gave the wrong answer when asked some pretty fundamental math questions. Problems similar to 5 divided by 0 (not zero as just about everyone replies), and in a race if you passed the $2^{\text {nd }}$ place person, what place would you be in (not $1^{\text {st }}$ place). Well even though my dad was a carpenter and really good at fractions I asked him, "What is 8 divided by $1 / 2$ ?" He answered, "4, of course". When I informed him he was incorrect, he went right to his calculator and was surprised to see he was wrong. What is the correct answer and how would you explain it to the person?

