

# 7.1 Ratios and Proportions

# Recall

- Can you remember the number of ...

Inches in a foot? **12**

Feet in a mile **5280**  
(5 tomatoes)

Feet in a yard **3**

mm. in a cm **10**

cm. in an inch  **$\approx 2.54$**

cm. in a meter **100**

Ounces in a pint **16**

km. in a mile  **$\approx 1.61$**

Ounces in a pound **16**

# Ratio

- A ratio is the comparison of two numbers by division.

- Example: A classroom has 16 boys and 12 girls.

- Boy:Girl Ratio:  $\frac{16}{12}$  or **16:12** or **“16 to 12”**
  - (The girl:boy ratio is the reciprocal)



- Ratios are written in lowest terms (not mixed #s)

$$\frac{16}{12} \div 4 = \frac{4}{3}$$

Part to Part ratio

- Ratios can be written out of the total. (16+12 = 28 students)

$$\frac{16}{28} \text{ or } \frac{4}{7} \text{ are boys, and } \frac{12}{28} \text{ or } \frac{3}{7} \text{ are girls}$$

Part to Whole ratio

# Ratio, continued

- If a ratio is part-to-whole, you can divide and find a **decimal** or a **percent**.

- $\frac{16 \text{ boys}}{28 \text{ students}}$

$16 \div 28 \approx .5714$ , or  $\approx 57.1\% \text{ are boys}$

# Ratio, continued

- Ratios can compare **two unlike things**:
  - Joe earned \$40 in five hours
  - The ratio is  $\frac{40 \text{ dollars}}{5 \text{ hours}}$  or  $\frac{8 \text{ dollars}}{1 \text{ hour}}$
  - This is read “*8 dollars per hour.*”
  - When the denominator is one, this is called a **unit rate**.



Write the ratio of the 1<sup>st</sup> measurement to the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(Make sure they are in the same units!!)



- Example: Weight of a cupcake: 2 oz.  
Weight of a cake: 2lbs. 4oz.

**Cake:**

**2 lb 4oz. =**

**2(16) + 4 oz. =**

**32 + 4 = 36oz.**

$$\frac{2}{36} = \frac{1}{18}$$

- You Try! Length of a candy bar: 3cm  
Length of a ruler: 12 in

**Ruler:**

**12 (2.54) =**

**30.48 cm.**

$$\frac{3 \text{ } \overbrace{00}}{30.48} = \frac{300}{3048} = \frac{\div 12}{\div 12} = \frac{25}{254}$$

# More Ratios

Example:

- The perimeter of a rectangle is 280 cm. The ratio of the width to the length is 3:4. What is the length of the rectangle? (TIP:  $P = 2L + 2W$ )

**Use the formula:**

**Part + Part + Part + ... = Whole**

- The ratio of hip hop albums to pop albums is 2:3. If the music collection has 45 albums, how many albums are hip hop?  
 $H = 2x, P = 3x$   
 $45 = 2x + 3x$   
 $\frac{45}{5} = \frac{5x}{5}$   
 $x = 9$   
**Hip Hop =  $2(9) = 18$  albums**

# Extended Ratios

An extended ratio compares three (or more) ratios!

Example:

- The lengths of three sides of a triangle are in the extended ratio **3 : 6 : 8**. The triangle's perimeter is 5.1m. What are the lengths of the sides **in cm**?

$$\mathbf{100\text{ cm} = 1\text{ m}}$$

$$\mathbf{5.1(100) = 510\text{ cm.}}$$

$$3x + 6x + 8x = 510$$

$$17x = 510$$

$$x = 30$$

**Plug it in!**

$$\mathbf{3(30) = 90\text{ cm.}}$$

$$\mathbf{6(30) = 180\text{ cm.}}$$

$$\mathbf{8(30) = 240\text{ cm.}}$$



# Even More Ratios

You Try!

- The lengths of three angles of a triangle are in the extended ratio 1 : 2 : 3. What are the measures of each angle?

$$1x + 2x + 3x = 180$$

$$6x = 180$$

$$x = 30$$

Plug it in!

$$1(30) = 30^\circ$$

$$2(30) = 60^\circ$$

$$3(30) = 90^\circ$$

# Proportion

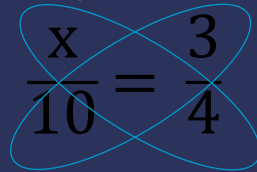
- Proportion is a statement that says **two ratios are equal**.

- Example:  $\frac{x}{10} = \frac{3}{4}$

- Use Cross-Products Property (a.k.a. Cross Multiply):

- “The product of the **extremes** is equal to the product of the **means**.”

If  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ , then  **$ad = bc$**


$$\frac{x}{10} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} = \frac{30}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{15}{2} \text{ or } 7.5$$

# Proportion Properties

$$\frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$$

1. Proportions can be inverted!  $\left( \frac{10}{5} = \frac{2}{1} \right)$

2. The means can be switched!  $\frac{5}{1} = \frac{10}{2}$

3. You can add each denominator to each numerator!

$$\frac{5 + 10}{10} = \frac{1 + 2}{2}$$
$$\frac{15}{10} = \frac{3}{2}$$

# Proportion

## Example

- In an election, Damon got three votes for each two votes that Shannon got. Damon got 72 votes. How many votes did Shannon get?

$$\frac{\text{Damon}}{\text{Shannon}} = \frac{\rightarrow}{\rightarrow} \quad \frac{3}{2} = \frac{72}{s}$$

Cross multiply  $3s = 72(2)$

$$\frac{3s}{3} = \frac{144}{3}$$

$$s = \mathbf{48 \text{ votes}}$$

# Proportion, continued

Example:

- Tires cost two for \$75. How much will five tires cost?

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \frac{\text{Tires}}{\text{\$ \$ \$}} = \frac{\quad}{\quad} & \rightarrow & \frac{2}{75} = \frac{5}{c} \\ & & 2c = 75(5) \\ & & \frac{2c}{2} = \frac{375}{2} \\ & & c = \$187.5 \end{array}$$

You Try!

- Three cans of soup costs \$5. How much will 11 cans cost?

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \frac{\text{Cans}}{\text{\$ \$ \$}} = \frac{\quad}{\quad} & \rightarrow & \frac{3}{5} = \frac{11}{c} \\ & & 3c = 5(11) \\ & & \frac{3c}{3} = \frac{55}{3} \\ & & c = \$18.33 \end{array}$$

# More proportions

Example:

$$3+2 = 5$$

- The soccer team's win-loss ratio is 3:2, if the team played 20 games, how many did they win?

Notice: This problem involves both parts and the total!

(win-loss-total)

$$\frac{\text{Win}}{\text{Total}} = \frac{\rightarrow}{\rightarrow} \quad \frac{3}{5} = \frac{w}{20} \quad \frac{60}{5} = \frac{5w}{5}$$

You Try!

$$5+6 = 11$$

$$w = 12 \text{ wins}$$

- A class has a girl-boy ratio of 5:6. If there were 18 boys, how many students are in the class?

$$\frac{\text{boy}}{\text{total}} = \frac{\rightarrow}{\rightarrow} \quad \frac{6}{11} = \frac{18}{c} \quad \frac{6c}{6} = \frac{198}{6}$$

$$c = 33 \text{ students}$$

# Example:

Solve the proportion.

$$\frac{x}{2x+1} = \frac{16}{40}$$

$$40x = (2x+1)16$$

$$40x = 32x + 16$$

$$\frac{-32x}{-32x}$$

$$\frac{8x}{8} = \frac{16}{8}$$

$$x = 2$$

Don't forget ( )

# You Try!:

Solve the proportion.

$$\frac{x}{6} = \frac{4x - 5}{22}$$

$$22x = 6(4x - 5)$$

$$22x = 24x - 30$$

$$\frac{-24x}{-24x} \quad \frac{-24x}{-24x}$$

$$\frac{-2x}{-2} = \frac{-30}{-2}$$

$$x = 15$$