

Ratios and Rates and Proportions

Learning Goal:

By the end of today,

- (i) I will be able to recognize the difference between a ratio and rate,
- (ii) be able to change the setup of a ratio
- (iii) recognize and solve a proportion (two ratios set equal to each other)

Ratios compare quantities with the same units or no units at all.

$$1:2$$

Rates show how one quantity changes with respect to another.

$$\frac{50km}{1hr}$$

A proportion is an equation that states two ratios or rates are equivalent.

$$3:4 = 6:8$$

The ratio of cats to dogs in a pet store was 14 cats to 16 dogs.

This ratio can be expressed in different forms.

14 to 16 or 14 : 16 or $\frac{14}{16}$

Solving Proportions - Find the missing value

$$4 : 5 = \square : 35$$

the missing term could also be replaced with a variable

$$4 : 5 = n : 35$$

and then rewritten in fraction form to solve

$$\frac{4}{5} = \frac{n}{35}$$

Solve
(arrows)

$$5 : 9 = x : 81$$

(solving)

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Your lawn mower needs a gas to oil mixture of 50:1.

If you want to mix 10ml of oil with gas, how much gas do you need?

A rate is recognizable because it usually has different units.

For example, $\frac{5\text{km}}{2\text{hr}}$,

A "unit rate" is created by performing the division operation and ending up with a "1" in the denominator position.

For example, $\frac{200\text{km}}{4\text{hr}}$ becomes $\frac{50\text{km}}{1\text{hr}}$ and is written 50km/hr.

Rates

Eating 14 bananas a week results in a rate of:

$$\frac{14 \text{ bananas}}{7 \text{ days}} \text{ or a unit rate of } \frac{2 \text{ bananas}}{\text{day}}$$

Some rates make more sense than others:

For example, travelling 120km in 2 hours can be expressed as,

$$\frac{120\text{km}}{2 \text{ hrs}} \text{ or } \frac{60\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

Task - Ratios, Rates, Proportions