4.1 Ratios & Proportions

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What is a ratio?

A ratio compares values. It says how much of one thing there is compared to another thing.

It can be represented multiple ways: $\frac{2}{3}$ or 2:3 or 2 to 3

Examples:

1) Two squares had side lengths of 8 and 10. What is the ratio of their perimeters?

8	10	Perineter of
32	40	Small = 32

Definition
$$\frac{32}{40} = \frac{4}{5}$$

2) A flagpole that is 81 feet tall breaks in a ratio of 4:5. What is the length of the shorter section of the flagpole.

$$4x + 5x = 81$$
 $4(9) = 36 ft$ $9x = 81$ $x = 9$

3) The ratio of the measures of a quadrilateral is 2:3:4:5. If the perimeter is 112 feet, what is the length of each said.

What is a proportion?

A proportion says that two ratios are equal. So...if two ratios are equal, then they are proportional.

$$\frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{8}{12} = \frac{2}{3}$$

1.333 = .333

Solve for x: In order to solve for x, Cross multiply!

3)
$$\frac{x}{18}$$
 $\times \frac{3}{7}$

$$x(7) = 10(3)$$
 $7 = 54$
 $7 = 7$
 $x = 7$

4)
$$\frac{8}{x+7} \times \frac{2}{x+1}$$

8(x+1) = 2(x+7) $\frac{8}{H7} = \frac{2}{I+1}$
8x+8 = 2x+14 $\frac{8}{8} = \frac{2}{2}$
-2x -2x $I=1$

***If corresponding sides of polygons are <u>proportional</u> and their angles are <u>congruent</u>, then they are similar!

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DEFINITION	DIAGRAM	STATEMENTS
Two polygons are similar polygons if and only if their corresponding angles are congruent and their corresponding side lengths are proportional.	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\angle A \cong \angle E$ $\angle B \cong \angle F$ $\angle C \cong \angle G$ $\angle D \cong \angle H$ $\frac{AB}{EF} = \frac{BC}{FG} = \frac{CD}{GH} = \frac{DA}{HE} = \frac{1}{2}$

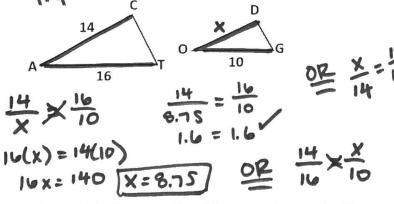
Symbol for Similarity:

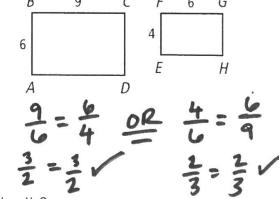
* use Similarity statement to help set up proportions.

5) If ΔCAT~ΔDOG, find DO.

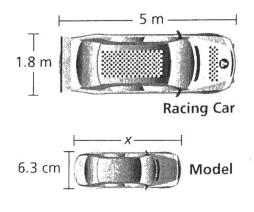
7). Are the corresponding sides of the rectangles proportional?

* order matters when setting up proportions:





8) What is the length of the model car to the nearest tenth?



$$\frac{5}{x} \times \frac{1.8}{6.3} \quad OP \quad \frac{1.8}{5} \times \frac{6.3}{x}$$

$$5(6.3) = 1.8(x)$$

$$\frac{31.5}{1.8} = \frac{1.8x}{1.8}$$

$$17.5 = x$$