

Chapter 7: Ratios, Rates, and Proportions

CH 7.3 - Proportional reasoning

Proportion:

- A statement that says two RATIOS or two RATES are EQUIVALENT
- Can be written as an EQUATION with two FRACTIONS

Ex. $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{6}$ $\frac{120\text{km}}{2\text{ hr}} = \frac{360\text{km}}{6\text{ hrs}}$

Proportional Relationship:

- A relationship in which one QUANTITY is always related to another by a constant MULTIPLIER

Ex. $\frac{80\text{km}}{1\text{hr}} = \frac{320\text{km}}{4\text{ hrs}}$

(Handwritten red arrows show multiplication by 4: from 80km to 320km and from 1hr to 4hrs.)

Using proportional reasoning with rates

Problem: Sam paints 15m^2 of his fence in 3 hours. The total area that he needs to paint is 90m^2 . If he continues at that same rate how long will it take him to paint his entire fence?

$\frac{\text{area}}{\text{time}} = \frac{15\text{m}^2}{3\text{hrs}} = \frac{90\text{m}^2}{x}$

(Handwritten red circle around the fractions and a red 'x' between them.)

$$90 \times 3 = 270$$

$$270 \div 15 = \underline{\underline{18\text{hrs.}}}$$

Using proportional reasoning with ratios

Problem: Packaged food sold in Canada must have a nutritional label on it. This is a label for a package of crackers.

A. How many grams of crackers contain 15 g of fiber?

$$\frac{\text{g of crackers}}{\text{g of fiber}} = \frac{28\text{g}}{4\text{g}} = \frac{x}{15\text{g}}$$

$$28\text{g} \times 15\text{g} = 420$$

$$420 \div 4 = 105\text{g of crackers.}$$

B. If you eat 75 crackers how many grams of fat will you have consumed?

$$\frac{\text{crackers}}{\text{g of fat}} = \frac{8}{5\text{g}} = \frac{75}{x}$$

$$75 \times 5$$

$$= 375$$

$$375 \div 8$$

$$= 46.88\text{g of fat in 75 crackers.}$$

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 8 (28g)	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 100	
	% Daily Values*
Total Fat 5g	8%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%
Trans Fat 0g	
Sodium 180mg	8%
Total Carbohydrate 19g	6%
Dietary Fiber 4g	16%
Sugars 3g	
Protein 2g	4%
*Percent Daily Values are based on a 	

Analyzing and identifying a relationship as proportional

Problem: Daniel scored 20 points in his first 8 basketball games. He scored 55 points in his remaining 22 games. Is this a proportional relationship?

Method 1: Compare unit rates

$$\frac{\text{points}}{\text{games}} \quad \frac{20\text{pts}}{8\text{ games}} = 2.5\text{pts per game} \quad \frac{55\text{pts}}{22\text{ games}} = 2.5\text{pts per game.}$$

* Same unit rate therefore this is a proportional relationship

Method 2: Compare ratio of pts:pts. and games:games.

$$\frac{20\text{pts}}{55\text{pts}} = 0.36 \quad \frac{8\text{ games}}{22\text{ games}} = 0.36$$

* Same ratio therefore proportional.

Method 3: Cross multiply.

$$\frac{20\text{pts}}{8\text{ games}} = \frac{55\text{pts}}{22\text{ games}} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} 8 \times 55 = 440 \\ 20 \times 22 = 440 \end{matrix} \left. \vphantom{\frac{20\text{pts}}{8\text{ games}} = \frac{55\text{pts}}{22\text{ games}}} \right\} \text{proportional}$$