Ratio - a comparison of two numbers or quantities with the same units.
3:1

Figure 1: There are $\mathbf{3}$ black squares to $\mathbf{1}$ grey square
Ratios can be show in different ways:
a. 2 cups of milk to 7 cups of water
b. $\$ 5$ to $\$ 9$

Example 2: Write each ratio in simplest form.

| a. $\frac{6}{15}$ | b. $4: 12$ | c. 6 to 10 |
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Example 3: Write the following ratios in simplest form:

| a. 45 minutes to 1 hour | b. 250 g to 1 kg | c. 1 m to 175 cm |
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Rate - a comparison of two numbers having different units.
A rate is usually written as a 'unit rate', in which the second term is always 1.

## Example 4:

John earns $\$ 60$ for working 4 hours. What is his rate of pay?

## Example 6:

A 200 g bag of mixed nuts costs $\$ 3.40$. Calculate the unit rate.

## Example 5:

A car runs at a speed of $30 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. How far can it run in 1 minute?

## Example 7: A Comparison

A 200 g bag of popcorn costs $\$ 6.00$. A 500 g bag costs $\$ 10.00$. Find the unit rate of each bag to compare which size is the better value.

Proportion - is an equation which states that two ratios are equal. $\frac{a}{b}=\frac{c}{d}$


Some proportions can be solved with simple multiplication or division between equivalent ratios, others are more complicated and can be solved using 'cross multiplication'.

| Example 8: $\frac{3}{4}=\frac{x}{12}$ | Example 9: $\frac{5}{x}=\frac{25}{15}$ | Example 10: $\frac{1.4}{x}=\frac{30}{25}$ *see below |
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## Cross multiplication

Example 1: Find the missing value ' $m$ '
*You should be able to answer this by solving the 'simple' equivalent fraction but I will use this simple example to show you how cross multiplication works.

| Question | Draw the cross | STEP 1: <br> Set up the <br> equation | STEP 2: <br> Simplify | STEP 3: Get the unknown value alone <br> by dividing both sides by the number on <br> the same side as the unknown value. |
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| $\frac{1}{5}=\frac{m}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{5}=\frac{m}{8}$ | $1 \times 8=m \times 5$ | $8=m \times 5$ | $\frac{8}{5}=\frac{m \times 5}{5}$ <br> $1.6=m$ |

Example 2:

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| $\frac{4.5}{6}=\frac{3.6}{m}$ |  |  |  |  |

## Proportion Problems:

## Example 11:

A pendulum completes 7 swings every three seconds. How many swings does it complete in a minute?

Example 12: Apples are $\$ 2.00$ per dozen (12), how many apples can you get for $\$ 5.50$ ?

Example 13: A 17" computer monitor has a width of $15^{\prime \prime}$. Since monitors are proportionate, what is the width of 48 " computer monitor?

## Practice: Ratios, Rates, and Proportions

Write the following as ratios in lowest terms
a. 73 days to 1 year
b. 35cents to $\$ 1.05$
c. 750 mL to 1.5 L
d. 3 min to 45 sec

Find the unit rate of the following: e. Mike earns $\$ 42$ in 6 hours.
f. $\$ 350$ for 8 people to attend a party
g. 24 pop for $\$ 6.96$

Answer the following rate problems:
h. Jack earned $\$ 50$ in 10 hours, while John earned $\$ 105$ in 20 hours. Which person had the better rate of pay?
i. A bus travels 10 km in 25 minutes. At this rate, how far will the bus travel in one hour?
k. Katherine cycled 30 km in 2 hours. If she continues at the same rate, what distance will she travel in 7 hours?
I. Which is the better value? $\$ 350$ for a bus of 35 people, or $\$ 440$ for a bus of 40 people?
m . Which is the better value? 28 g of mixed nuts for $\$ 0.84$, or 35 g of mixed nuts for $\$ 1.40$ ?

Find the missing value in the following proportions *round to 2 d.p. where necessary
n. $\frac{3}{8}=\frac{m}{5}$
o. $\frac{2}{k}=\frac{11}{4.5}$
p. $\frac{1.2}{2.8}=\frac{3}{p}$
q. $\frac{5}{3.2}=\frac{2.5}{y}$

ANSWERS: a. 1:5, b. 1:3, c. 5:6, d. 4:1, e. \$7/h, f. \$43.75/p, g. \$0.29/pop, h. John, i. 24km/h, i. 21 oran., k. 105 km, l. $\$ 350 / 35, \mathrm{~m} .28 \mathrm{~g} / \$ 0.84, \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{m}=1.88, \mathrm{o} . \mathrm{k}=0.82, \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{p}=7, \mathrm{q} \cdot \mathrm{y}=1.6$

