Simplify ratios

Divide all parts of the ratio by a common factor.

5:10 (the highest common factor is 5 so divide both by 5)

1:2

8:10:4 (the highest common factor is 2 so divide all by 2)

4:5:2

Ratio already shared

Find what one part of the ratio is worth using the unitary method.

Eg. Money was shared in the ratio 3:2:5 between Ben, James and Harry. Given that James had £16, find out the total amount of money shared.

£16 = 2 parts

 $16 \div 2 = 8$

So £8 = 1 part

3 + 2 + 5 = 10 parts

So 8 x 10 = $\underline{\text{f80}}$

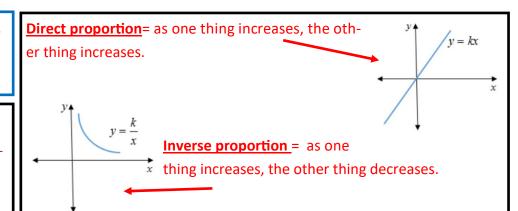


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Ratio and proportion

What careers would use these skills?

Purchasing, sales, chefs, designers, construction.



Compare ratios

Write ratio in form 1: n

Divide both parts of the ratio by the number on the left

Eg. Write 3:2 in the form 1 : n (divide both sides by 3)

 $1:\frac{2}{3}$

Unitary method

Find the value of a single unit and then find the necessary value by multiplying.

Eg. 3 cakes require 450g of sugar to make. Find how much sugar is needed to make 5 cakes.

3 cakes = 450g

So 1 cake = $150g (\div 3)$

 $5 \text{ cakes} = 150 \times 5 = 750g$

Share an amount into a given ratio

- 1. Add the total parts of the ratio.
- 2. Divide the amount to be shared by this value to find the value of one part.
- 3. Multiply this value by each part of the ratio.

Eg. Share £60 in the ratio 3:2:1

3 + 2 + 1 = 6

 $60 \div 6 = 10$

 $3 \times 10 = 30, 2 \times 10 = 20, 1 \times 10 = 10$

30:20:10

Best buy

Find the unit cost by dividing the price by the quantity. The lowest number is the best value.

Eg. 8 cakes cost £1.28 and 13 cakes cost £2.05. Which is the best value?

 $1.28 \div 8 = 0.16$

 $2.05 \div 13 = 0.158$

So the pack of 13 cakes is the best value.