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Comparative Advantage Worksheet

Part A. You are given the following information about Andy and Hannah and the time it takes each of them to clean an office and clean a jail cell.

	Andy	Hannah
Cleaning offices	60 minutes	20 minutes
Cleaning jail cells	30 minutes	15 minutes

- Who has the *absolute* advantage in cleaning offices? _____
- Who has the *absolute* advantage in cleaning jail cells? _____
- Who has the *comparative* advantage in cleaning offices? _____
- Who has the *comparative* advantage in cleaning jail cells? _____

Part B. Consider the following two countries. Assume they produce only these two goods. The information is based on how many of each they can produce in *one hour*.

	United States	Japan
Cars	10	12
Computers	4	6

- Which country has the *absolute* advantage in cars? _____
- Which country has the *absolute* advantage in computers? _____
- Which country has the *comparative* advantage in cars? _____
- Which country has the *comparative* advantage in computers? _____

Part C. You're given the following information about a newlywed couple and the time it takes each of them to do two different chores: vacuuming a room or washing a load of dishes.

	Mike	Debbie
Time to vacuum a room	60 minutes	45 minutes
Time to wash a load of dishes	30 minutes	45 minutes

- Who has the *absolute* advantage in vacuuming? _____
- Who has the *absolute* advantage in washing dishes? _____
- Who has the *comparative* advantage in vacuuming? _____
- Who has the *comparative* advantage in washing dishes? _____