# **Equivalent Ratios**

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# Prerequisite: Compare Quantities Using Ratios

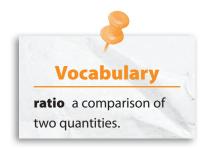
Study the example problem showing how to use ratios to compare two quantities. Then solve problems 1–6.

<b>Example</b> Noelle buys 5 peaches, 3 bananas, and 4 oranges at a local fruit stand to make fruit punch. What is the ratio of the number of bananas to the number of peaches she bought?				
A tape diagram can help you compare the quantities.				
Peaches Peaches				
Bananas				
Oranges Oranges				
Total Fruit				
There are 3 bananas and 5 peaches. The ratio of bananas to peaches can be written as 3 to 5,				
3:5, or $\frac{3}{5}$ .				

1 What is the ratio of peaches to oranges?

2 What is the ratio of the number of bananas to the total number of pieces of fruit?

3 Write a ratio in words to compare a whole to a part. Then write the ratio using numbers.



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In Ellen's sixth-grade class, there are 14 boys and
 11 girls. Write each ratio using numbers in two ways.

Number of girls to number of boys

Number of boys to total r	number of students
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Total number of students to number of girls

Number of boys to number of girls

5 For every 4 miles that Pedro runs, he walks 3 miles. Tell whether each statement is *True* or *False*.

a. The ratio of miles walked to	o miles run is 4 : 3.
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**b.** The ratio of miles walked to total miles is 3 : 7.

- c. The ratio of miles run to total miles is 7 to 3.
- **d.** The ratio of total miles to miles run is  $\frac{7}{4}$ .
- e. The ratio of miles run to miles walked is 4 to 3.
- <sup>6</sup> For sixth-grade field day, 6 students in Alice's class are playing volleyball, 5 students are playing soccer, and 9 students are playing basketball. Alice said that the ratio of students playing volleyball to basketball was 6 : 9. Alex said that the ratio of students playing basketball to volleyball was  $\frac{9}{6}$ . Who is correct? Explain.

True False
True False
True False
True False
True False
True False

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### Show Equivalent Ratios

Study the example problem showing how to find equivalent ratios. Then solve problems 1–7.

#### **Example**

Elena uses 12 red beads to make 4 bracelets. How many red beads will Elena need to make 12 bracelets? How many red beads will Elena need to make 20 bracelets?

You can make a table showing the number of bracelets that can be made with different numbers of red beads. The pairs of numbers in each column show the ratio of red beads to bracelets. Notice the ratios are all equivalent.

Number of Red Beads	3	6	12	24	36	48	60	72
Number of Bracelets	1	2	4	8	12	16	20	24

The table shows Elena will need 36 red beads to make 12 bracelets. Elena will need 60 red beads to make 20 bracelets.

- How many red beads will Elena need to make 16 bracelets?
- 2 How many bracelets can Elena make with 24 red beads?
- **3** Find the rate of red beads per bracelet. Explain how you found your answer.

James said that he would need 25 red beads to make 75 bracelets. Is he correct? How did he get that answer?

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## Use the following information to solve problems 5–7.

The list below shows how many servings of different breakfast items that a restaurant expects to sell every 15 minutes:

Cups of coffee	25
Glasses of orange juice	10
Omelets	6

5 How many glasses of orange juice does the restaurant expect to sell in 1 hour?

Show your work.

Solution: \_\_\_\_

6 At this rate, how long will it take to sell 200 cups of coffee?

Show your work.

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

7 The restaurant serves breakfast from 6:00 AM until 10:30 AM. They sell 6 omelets every 15 minutes. Should the restaurant expect to sell more than or fewer than 100 omelets? Explain your answer.

#### Graph Equivalent Ratios

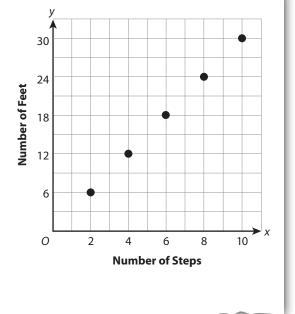
Study the example problem showing how to graph equivalent ratios. Then solve problems 1–10.

#### Example

The graph compares how far Jorge walks to how many steps he takes. How many feet does he walk in 6 steps? How many steps does Jorge take to walk 30 feet?

Each point on the graph can be represented by an ordered pair. The point represented by (6, 18) shows that Jorge takes 6 steps to walk 18 feet.

The ordered pair for 30 feet is (10, 30), which means that Jorge walks 30 feet in 10 steps.



What ordered pair represents the number of steps Jorge takes to walk 24 feet?

- 2 Choose another point on the graph. Write the ordered pair and tell what it represents.
- 3 What ordered pair represents the number of feet Jorge walks in 3 steps?
- 4 Joan looks at the graph and says the number of steps is always 3 times the number of feet. Is she correct? Explain your answer.

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#### Use the following situation for problems 5-8.

To make a scarf, Jenny uses blue yarn and white yarn. The number of yards of blue yarn she uses is 4 times the number of yards of white yarn in each scarf.

- 5 Write four ratios to show the number of yards of white yarn to blue yarn for each scarf.
- 6 Are the ratios in problem 5 equivalent? Explain how you know.

7 Jenny wants to make a scarf that uses 24 yards of blue yarn. How many yards of white yarn will she need?

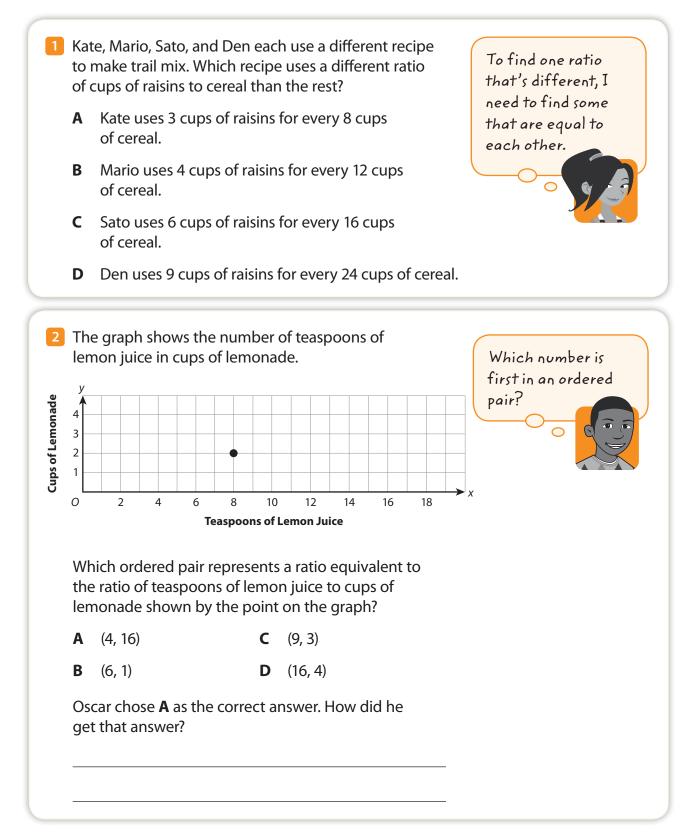
8 If Jenny wants to keep the ratio of blue yarn to white yarn the same, can she make a scarf using 42 yards of blue yarn? If so, how much white yarn will she need? If not, why not?

9 Adrianna can read 7 pages in 10 minutes. At this rate, how many pages can she read in 25 minutes?

10 Max calculated that he could read at a rate of 2 pages per minute. Is he reading at a faster rate than Adrianna? Explain.

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## Solve the problems.



3 Rey buys 4 cards for \$10. He plots the point (4, 10) on a Be sure that you graph. All cards are the same price. He wants to see understand what how much it would cost to buy more cards. Tell Rey's ordered pair whether each statement is True or False. means. a. The point (6, 15) will be True False on the graph. True False **b.** Rey buys 1 card for \$3.50. c. Rey buys 100 cards for less than \$40. True False **d.** The point (14, 35) will be False True on the graph. 4 Each table shows four ratios of boys to girls at different What makes two sporting events. Which tables show four equivalent ratios equivalent? ratios of boys to girls? Select all that apply. Α С 9 12 45 25 10 3 5 5 5 7 15 20 18 10 4 2 В D 3 4 7 11 200 150 100 50 12 16 28 44 50 40 30 20 5 Rosa earns \$10 for every 3 hours that she works. Ralph Be careful not to earns \$7 for every 2 hours that he works. Who earns compare \$10 to more per hour? How much more does this person \$7-these represent earn after 12 hours of work? earnings for Show your work. different numbers of hours. Solution:

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