

Solve Proportional Relationships ~ L1-6

A **proportion** is an equation that states that two ratios are equivalent. To determine whether a pair of ratios forms a proportion, use cross products. You can also use cross products to solve proportions.

Example 1

Determine whether the pair of ratios $\frac{20}{24}$ and $\frac{12}{18}$ form a proportion.

Find the cross products.

$$\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{20} \quad \textcircled{12} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \textcircled{24} \quad \textcircled{18} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \textcircled{24} \quad \textcircled{18} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \textcircled{20} \quad \textcircled{12} \end{array}$$

Since the cross products are

_____, the ratios
_____ form a proportion.

Example 2

Solve $\frac{12}{30} = \frac{k}{70}$.

- Write the equation.
- Find the cross products.
- Multiply.
- Divide each side by the
Coefficient.
- Simplify.

The solution is _____.

Example 3

At space camp, you can sit in a chair that simulates the force of gravity on the moon. A person who weighs 105 pounds on Earth would weigh 17.5 pounds on the moon. How much would a 60 pound dog weigh on the moon?

YOUR TURN

Determine whether each pair of ratios forms a proportion. Write yes or no.

1. $\frac{17}{10}, \frac{12}{5}$	2. $\frac{6}{9}, \frac{12}{18}$	3. $\frac{8}{12}, \frac{10}{15}$
4. $\frac{7}{15}, \frac{12}{32}$	5. $\frac{7}{9}, \frac{49}{63}$	6. $\frac{8}{24}, \frac{12}{28}$

Solve each proportion.

10. $\frac{x}{5} = \frac{12}{25}$	11. $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{12}{c}$	12. $\frac{6}{9} = \frac{10}{r}$
13. $\frac{16}{24} = \frac{z}{15}$	14. $\frac{w}{6} = \frac{2.8}{7}$	15. $\frac{5}{y} = \frac{7}{16.8}$