


MA 4A	Mathematics Embedded Credit
Cape Career & Technology Center	Last Update: April 2017
Topic: Ratio and Proportion	Focus: Write and Interpret

Show-Me Standards: MA5, MA6	MO Grade Level Expectations: N3E10, N3E8, N2D9	NCTM Standards: 2A, 3A
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OBJECTIVE: Students will be able to write and interpret basic ratios and proportions.

Introduction:


There are three important words related to the subject of 'Ratios and Proportions'.

 **RATIO:** the expression of a relationship between two or more numbers using division.

- **Can Be WRITTEN:** A to B; A:B; or A/B – all of these forms are equal. Fractions are the most common way that ratios are written.
- **"Same Ratio, Different Expression":** The same ratio can be expressed many different ways: $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{15}{30}, etc.$

 **PROPORTION:** the comparison of two equal ratios that are expressed with different numbers.

- **Can Be WRITTEN:** $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$, or $a : b :: c : d$
- **Be CAREFUL:** Units of measure in one ratio should always be written exactly the same as the units in the other ratio.
- **EXAMPLES:** $\frac{\text{dollars}}{\text{hour}} = \frac{\text{dollars}}{\text{hour}}, \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{gallon}} = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{gallon}}, \frac{\text{cents}}{\text{pound}} = \frac{\text{cents}}{\text{pound}}$
- **"Cross Multiplication":** The method used to transpose numbers in a proportion. Cross multiplication removes the division from an equation. To cross multiply, multiply each denominator by the opposite numerator; the equate the two products. $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = (a * d = b * c)$

 **VARIATION:** an equation that relates one variable to one or more other variables.

PROBLEMS:

1. Use the following relationship to complete the table: The length of rectangle is 4 times its width.

Length (feet)	Width (feet)
6	
	3
2.5	
8	
	6.5

2. Use the following relationship to complete the table: The speed of Car #1 is 15 miles per hour faster than Car #2.

Car#1 (mph)	Car #2 (mph)
65	
	35
25	
80	
	65

3. There is a pile of lumber containing boards that are 8' and 10' in length. Total there are 48 boards. Complete the table using this information.

8-footers (quantity)	10-footers (quantity)
6	
	18
25	
8	
	28

4. For Question #1, what is the ratios of Width (feet) to Length (feet) written in this form: **a:b**.

5. For Question #2, what is the ratios of Car#1 (mph) to Car #2 (mph) written in this form: **a/b**.

6. For Question #3, what is the ratios of 10-footers to 8-footers written in this form: **a to b**.