

SOLVING SIMPLE PROPORTIONS

- A proportion is a statement that two ratios are equal. 2/5 = 4/10
- A ratio is a pair of numbers used to show a comparison.

5 out of 7 = 5/7

 To solve a proportion, calculate equivalent fractions in order to be sure the two fractions (ratios) are equal.

How to solve simple proportions:

• When solving proportions, think equivalent fractions.

For instance, 1/2 = 2/4 = 3/6 = 4/8

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To calculate
fraction

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new denominator needed.

- 5/8 = n/24
- 8 X 3 = 24
- Choose 1 = 3/3
- Multiply 5/8 X 3/3
- -5/8 = 15/24
- -2/5 = n/30
- 5 X 6 = 30
- Choose 1 = 6/6
- Multiply 2/5 X 6/6
- -2/5 = 12/30

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Try This!

4/5 = n/20



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