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RATIOS AND PROPORTIONS

A **ratio** is an expression of comparison between two numbers. A ratio is usually written as one number before another with a colon in between. A ratio may also be expressed as a fraction or a decimal. The relationship between 1 and 4 can be written as 1:4 (ratio), 1/4 (fraction), or .25 (decimal).

A **proportion** expresses the relationship between two ratios. It is written as two ratios with an equal sign between. For example, 2:7 = 6:21. The four numbers in the proportion have special names. The two outer numbers, in this case 2 and 21 are called the **extremes**. The two inner numbers are 7 and 6 are called the **means**.

Extremes:Means = Means:Extremes 2:7 = 6:21

Solve for x in the following proportions.

1. 4:5 = 12:x

check:

2. 8:x = 28:7

check:

3. 4.5:5 = x:10

check:

4. 7:x = 21:24

check:

What Does All This Mean To You?

USING PROPORTIONS

If you know that a proportion is true, you can solve for a missing part. This is very useful in the cosmetology field because it helps you prepare various solutions and mixtures. For example, if you know that a cleaning solution requires 3 parts water to 2 parts chemical, you can determine how to mix the solution.

3:2 = water: chemical

3 oz water : ____ chemical 6 oz water: ___ chemical ___ water: 10 oz chemical ___ water: 4 pints chemical

Mathematically

Ex.

A cleaning solution is mixed 3 parts water to 2 parts chemical. You have 5 oz of chemical. How much water should you mix with this chemical?

Ex.

You need 2 ounces of solution to color a client's hair. The color you are using is mixed 4 parts peroxide to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ part water? How much peroxide and water do you need to mix to make this solution?

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RATIOS AND PROPORTION

1. Grace needs to prepare a facial solution that requires 6 parts cold cream to 1 part water. How much water does she need to add to 16 oz. of cold cream?

2. Sam makes a solution requiring $1 \frac{1}{2}$ parts developer to 1 part color. If she plans to 8 oz of color, how much developer will she need?

3. You need to mix 3 ounces of color which is mixed 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ parts color to 2 parts developer. How much developer must you mix with the 3 ounces of color?

4. A cleaning solution you are using is mixed 3 parts concentrate to 1 part water. You will need 6 ounces of this solution how much concentrate and how much water do you need to add?

5. You need 4 ounces of solution to color a client's hair. The color you are using is mixed 4 parts peroxide to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ part water? How much peroxide and water do you need to mix to make this solution?