

# 3-6 Study Guide and Intervention *(continued)*

## Ratios and Proportions

**Solve Proportions** If a proportion involves a variable, you can use cross products to solve the proportion. In the proportion  $\frac{x}{5} = \frac{10}{13}$ ,  $x$  and 13 are called **extremes** and 5 and 10 are called **means**. In a proportion, the product of the extremes is equal to the product of the means.

**Means-Extremes Property of Proportions**

For any numbers  $a, b, c,$  and  $d,$  if  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d},$  then  $ad = bc.$

**LOOK**

**Example**

Solve  $\frac{x}{5} = \frac{10}{13}.$

$$\frac{x}{5} = \frac{10}{13}$$

Original proportion

$$13(x) = 5(10)$$

Cross products

$$13x = 50$$

Simplify.

$$\frac{13x}{13} = \frac{50}{13}$$

Divide each side by 13.

$$x = 3\frac{11}{13}$$

Simplify.

The solution is  $3\frac{11}{13}.$

**EXAMPLE**

$$\frac{x-6}{4} = \frac{9}{5}$$

Use cross-products

$$5(x-6) = 4 \cdot 9$$

$$5x - 30 = 36$$

Add 30 to both sides

$$5x = 66$$

Divide each side by 5

$$\boxed{x = \frac{66}{5}}$$

**Be Neat**

# Circle the problem #

→ WRITE ORIGINAL problem

SHOW WORK

**Box Answer**

CK if required

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**Exercises**

Solve each proportion.

1.  $\frac{-3}{x} = \frac{2}{8}$

2.  $\frac{1}{t} = \frac{5}{3}$

3.  $\frac{0.1}{2} = \frac{0.5}{x}$

4.  $\frac{x+1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$

5.  $\frac{4}{6} = \frac{8}{x}$

6.  $\frac{x}{21} = \frac{3}{63}$

7.  $\frac{9}{y+1} = \frac{18}{54}$

8.  $\frac{3}{d} = \frac{18}{3}$

9.  $\frac{5}{8} = \frac{p}{24}$

10.  $\frac{4}{b-2} = \frac{4}{12}$

11.  $\frac{1.5}{x} = \frac{12}{x}$

12.  $\frac{3+y}{4} = \frac{-y}{8}$

13.  $\frac{a-8}{12} = \frac{15}{3}$

14.  $\frac{12}{k} = \frac{24}{k}$

15.  $\frac{2+w}{6} = \frac{12}{9}$

Use a proportion to solve each problem.

**16. MODELS** To make a model of the Guadeloupe River bed, Hermie used 1 inch of clay for 5 miles of the river's actual length. His model river was 50 inches long. How long is the Guadeloupe River?

**17. EDUCATION** Josh finished 24 math problems in one hour. At that rate, how many hours will it take him to complete 72 problems?