

## PART A: How to Cross Multiply

When we need to solve for a variable in a proportion, we have to cross multiply in order to solve for it.

Variable: an unknown value represented by a letter.

Steps to solve for a variable in a proportion:

- 1) Multiply the variable with the number diagonal from it.
- 2) Multiply the other 2 numbers that are diagonal from each other.
- 3) Divide both sides by the number in front of the variable (multiplied to it).

Examples:

$$\frac{5}{7} = \frac{x}{35}$$

$$\frac{7}{4} = \frac{10}{x}$$

$$\frac{s}{3} = \frac{8}{4}$$

$$\frac{3}{7} = \frac{10}{h}$$

Solve Each Proportion:

$$1) \frac{7}{9} = \frac{v}{6}$$

$$2) \frac{7}{3} = \frac{3}{x}$$

$$3) \frac{3}{4} = \frac{a}{10}$$

$$4) \frac{8}{7} = \frac{4}{n}$$

$$5) \frac{v}{8} = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$6) \frac{x}{10} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$7) \frac{n}{9} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$8) \frac{7}{4} = \frac{10}{x}$$

$$9) \frac{9}{4} = \frac{10}{k}$$

$$10) \frac{4}{p} = \frac{6}{10}$$

$$11) \frac{n}{8} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$12) \frac{9}{10} = \frac{3}{x}$$

$$13) \frac{m}{4} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$14) \frac{r}{9} = \frac{5}{6}$$

PART B: How to simplify fractions and to put them into mixed numerals.

Mixed numeral: a whole number and a fraction together.

Greatest common factor: largest number that will divide evenly into 2 (or more) numbers.

Multiplying fractions: multiply the numerators and then multiply the denominators. Remember that a whole number has a 1 as a denominator.

Examples:

$$1) \frac{12}{18} \div 6 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$2) \frac{48}{56} \div 8 = \frac{6}{7}$$

$$3) \frac{12}{42} \div 6 = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$4) \frac{27}{36} \div 9 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$5) \frac{32}{20} \div 4 = \frac{8}{5} = 1 \frac{3}{5}$$

$$6) \frac{45}{20} \div 5 = \frac{9}{4} = 2 \frac{1}{4}$$

Simplify each. Write your answer as a mixed number when possible.

$$1) \frac{6}{24}$$

$$2) \frac{45}{63}$$

$$3) \frac{12}{32}$$

$$4) \frac{9}{18}$$

$$5) \frac{4}{12}$$

$$6) \frac{12}{30}$$

$$7) \frac{18}{45}$$

$$8) \frac{20}{40}$$

$$9) \frac{36}{96}$$

$$10) \frac{72}{126}$$

$$11) \frac{18}{30}$$

$$12) \frac{6}{36}$$

$$13) \frac{4}{8}$$

$$14) \frac{6}{42}$$

$$15) \frac{30}{36}$$

$$16) \frac{16}{20}$$

$$17) \frac{60}{96}$$

$$18) \frac{36}{54}$$

$$19) \frac{20}{32}$$

$$20) \frac{36}{45}$$

Some more practice...

**Simplify each. Write your answer as a mixed number when possible.**

1)  $\frac{12}{18}$

2)  $\frac{12}{42}$

3)  $\frac{18}{30}$

4)  $\frac{18}{24}$

5)  $\frac{48}{56}$

6)  $\frac{20}{80}$

7)  $\frac{36}{45}$

8)  $\frac{8}{16}$

9)  $\frac{42}{48}$

10)  $\frac{24}{36}$

**Find each product.**

11)  $\frac{3}{2} \cdot 9$

12)  $5 \cdot \frac{8}{5}$

13)  $7 \cdot \frac{1}{3}$

14)  $2 \cdot \frac{7}{5}$

15)  $10 \cdot \frac{7}{5}$

16)  $\frac{4}{3} \cdot 6$

17)  $2 \times \frac{1}{2}$

18)  $6 \cdot \frac{5}{8}$

19)  $12 \cdot \frac{2}{3}$

20)  $5 \cdot \frac{19}{10}$