

Sec 5.6/5.7 – Equivalent Ratios and Comparing Ratios

1. Equivalent Ratios

Equivalent ratios have the same value if we can multiply or divide every term in the ratio by the same number.

We can show this with the terms of the ratios in rows.

		$\times 2$	$\times 2$			
1	2	4	8	16	32	64
1.5	3	6	12	24	48	96

1 : 1.5
2 : 3
4 : 6
SAME!

We can show this with the terms of the ratios in columns.

1 : 1.5
2 : 3
4 : 6
8 : 12
16 : 24
32 : 48
64 : 96

2 : 3 4 : 6
 $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{6}$
equivalent fractions

"2 to 3"
2 : 3

A ratio will be in simplest form when its terms have NO common factor.

1 : 2
 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{4}{8}$
simplest

Practice

In Ms. Lo's classes 60 people have the flu, 20 are recovering, and 12 are immune. Assuming that the rest of the school is equally susceptible to the flu, give 3 equivalent ratios of people with the flu, recovering and immune.

part to part ratio

60 : 20 : 12
30 : 10 : 6
15 : 5 : 3

} equivalent ratios!

2. Comparing Ratios

Example – Ali Oop scored 10 free throws in 18 shots. Steve Nash scored 14 free throws and missed 10. Which player has the better free throw record?

There are 3 different strategies of showing thinking for this problem and to compare ratios:

- 1) Use equivalent part-to-part ratios to find one common term.

Scored shots: missed shots.

$$\text{Ali Oop: } 10 : 8 \quad \Bigg| \quad 2.5 : 2$$

$$\text{Steve Nash: } 14 : 10 \quad \Bigg| \quad 2.8 : 2$$

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Bigger. ∴ Steve Nash did better.

Steve did better → $100 : 80$
 $112 : 80$

- 2) Use equivalent part-to-whole ratios to find one common term.

Scored shot: total shots.

$$\text{Ali Oop: } 10 : 18 \quad \Bigg| \quad 3.33 : 6$$

$$\text{Steve Nash: } 14 : 24 \quad \Bigg| \quad 3.5 : 6 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} 3.33 : 6 \\ 3.5 : 6 \end{matrix}} \right\} \text{common factor!}$$

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Steve Nash did better!

- 3) Compare using unit ratios - a ratio where one of the values is equal to one.

Vocab:

- Equivalent ratios

- Equivalent fractions

- Unit ratios

$$\text{Ali Oop: } 10 : 18$$

$$\text{Steve Nash: } 14 : 24$$

$$\frac{10}{18} \sim 56\% \checkmark$$

$$\frac{14}{24} \sim 58\% \checkmark$$

$$0.55 : 1$$

Steve Nash did better → $0.58 : 1$ } unit ratio!

