



Graduationg class of 2020!

Chapter 8: Proportional Reasoning

8.1 Comparing and Interpreting Rates

Learning targets:

1. Demonstrate understanding of new terminology pertaining to rates.
2. Convert quantities from one unit of measurement to a different unit of measurement.
3. Calculate unit rates and fuel efficiency.
4. Compare unit rates to find the better deal.

Terminology

✗ **Rate:** a comparison of two amounts that are measured in different units.

Ex. Keying 240 words/8 minutes

✗ **Unit Rate:** a rate in which the numerical value of the second term is 1.

Ex. Keying 240 words in 8 minutes would have a unit rate of 30 words/min.

Units of Measurement:

Liquid volume:

mL = millilitres

L = litres

Mass:

mg = milligrams

g = grams

kg = kilograms

lb = pounds

Length:

mm = millimetres

cm = centimetres

m = metres

km = kilometres

Time:

h = hours

min = minutes

s = seconds

Unit Conversions:

Liquid volume:

$$1 \text{ L} = 1000 \text{ mL}$$

Mass:

$$1 \text{ kg} = 1000 \text{ g} \quad 1 \text{ g} = 1000 \text{ mg}$$

$$1 \text{ kg} = 2.2 \text{ lb (approx)}$$

Length:

$$1 \text{ m} = 1000 \text{ mm}$$

$$1 \text{ m} = 100 \text{ cm}$$

$$1 \text{ km} = 1000 \text{ m}$$

$$1 \text{ mile} = 1.6 \text{ km (approx)}$$

Time:

$$1 \text{ h} = 60 \text{ min}$$

$$1 \text{ min} = 60 \text{ s}$$

$$1 \text{ h} = 3600 \text{ s}$$

Example #1: Finding a unit rate

A 12-pound turkey costs \$22.50. What is the unit rate to the nearest penny?

$$\frac{\$22.50}{12 \text{ pound}} = \$1.88/\text{lb}$$

You Try:

Ian is training to run a half-marathon, which is about 21.1 km. He can run this distance in 2.2 h. What is his speed in kilometres per hour? Answer to the nearest tenth.

$$\frac{21.1 \text{ km}}{2.2 \text{ h}} = 9.6 \text{ km/h}$$

$$9.6 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} \cdot \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 2.7 \text{ m/s}$$

Example #2: Comparing unit rates

Orange juice is sold in 1.5 L cartons and 250 mL boxes.

A 1.5 L carton sells for \$3.75 and ten 250 mL boxes sell for \$7.39.

Which size costs less per millilitre?

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{1.5 \text{ L}} \\ 1.5 \text{ L} = 1500 \text{ mL} \\ \frac{\$3.75}{1500 \text{ mL}} = 0.0025 \text{ /mL} \\ \text{Cost less} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (250 \text{ mL})(10) \\ = 2500 \text{ mL} \\ \frac{\$7.39}{2500} \\ = 0.002956 \text{ /mL} \end{array}$$

Example #3: Fuel efficiency

Fuel efficiency in Canada is reported in **L/100 km**

(how many litres it takes to travel 100 km)

The lower the top number, the better fuel efficiency the vehicle has.

* Jasmine drove for 510 km and used 46.7 L of gas. What is her car's fuel efficiency to the nearest hundredth? ^{L/100km}

$$\frac{46.7 \text{ L}}{510 \text{ km}} = \frac{x}{100 \text{ km}} \quad x = 9.16$$
$$\frac{\cancel{510 \text{ km}} x}{\cancel{510 \text{ km}}} = \frac{(46.7 \text{ L})(\cancel{100 \text{ km}})}{\cancel{510 \text{ km}}}$$

You Try:

Jake's car will get 875 km using 55.3 L of gas.

Amanda's car will get 515 km using 33.7 L of gas.

Whose car has better fuel efficiency?

$$\frac{\text{Jake's}}{55.3 \text{ L}} = \frac{x}{100 \text{ km}}$$

$$x = 6.32 \text{ L} / 100 \text{ km}$$

$$\frac{33.7 \text{ L}}{515 \text{ km}} = \frac{x}{100 \text{ km}}$$

$$x = 6.54 \text{ L} / 100 \text{ km}$$

Example #4: Comparing unit rates involving unit conversions

A 5 kg bag of potatoes costs \$8.15. A 10 lb bag of potatoes costs \$7.10.
Which is a better buy for the consumer?

$$(5 \text{ kg}) \left(\frac{2.2 \text{ lbs}}{1 \text{ kg}} \right) = 11 \text{ lbs}$$

$$\frac{\$8.15}{11 \text{ lbs}} = 0.74 \text{ /lb}$$

$$\frac{\$7.10}{10 \text{ lbs}} = 0.71 \text{ /lbs}$$

You Try:

A peregrine falcon can fly at a top speed of 16 km in 3 min. A cheetah can run at a top speed of 112 km/h.

Which animal can travel faster?

Assignment

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