

5.3 Writing Proportions

One way to write a proportion is to use a table

	Last Month	This Month
Purchase	$2 \cdot rt$	$3 \cdot rt$
Cost	$6\$$	$x\$$

$$\frac{2}{6} = \frac{3}{x}$$

1 [Ex] Test worth 50 points; test score of 78%

x	78%
50	100

$$\frac{x}{50} = \frac{78}{100}$$

2 [Ex] Test worth 150 points; test score of 96%

x	96
150	100

$$\frac{x}{150} = \frac{96}{100}$$

Use a table

	May	June
Winners	n	34
Entries	85	170

n winners = 34 winners
85 entries = 170 entries

Solve the proportion

$$1) \frac{1}{3} = \frac{x}{12} \quad (x=4)$$

$$2) \frac{5}{9} = \frac{25}{y} \quad (y=45)$$

$$3) \frac{26}{z} = \frac{13}{22} \quad (z=44)$$

$$4) \frac{b}{30} = \frac{2.6}{1.5} \quad (b=52)$$

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