**Ratio**

**Ratio** is a comparison between, or a relationship of two things.

**Examples:**



There is 1 ice cream cone to **3** cookies.



There are **4** boys to **2** girls**.**

**Ratios can be shown in different ways!**

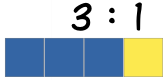
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| 1. Use the “:” to separate the values (read as **3 is to 1)**. | **1:3** |
| 1. We can also use the word “**to**” | **1 to 3** |
| 1. We can write it as a **fraction.** |  |

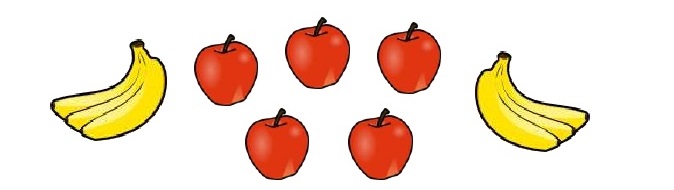
**Sample Problem 1:**

**Write in three different ways the ratio of the given figure.**



**Sample Problem 2:**

**Answer the following questions given the picture below.**

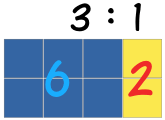


1. What is the ratio of apples to bananas?
2. What is the ratio of bananas to apples?

**Equal Ratios**

To find an equal ratio, you can either multiply or divide each term in the ratio by the same number (but not zero).

Here, the ratio is also 3 blue squares to 1 yellow square, even though there are more squares.



**3 : 1**

**x 2 x 2**

**6 2**

Or it could be the other way around…

**6 : 2**

**/ 2 / 2**

**3 1**

Therefore, **3 : 1 = 6 : 2**

**How do we know that the RATIOS are EQUAL?**

**Example:**  Are the ratios 4 : 1 and 12 : 3 equal?

Step 1: Find the quotient of the numbers in the ratio.

**4 1 = 4 12 3 = 4**

Step 2: If the quotients are the **SAME**, then ratios are **EQUAL**!

**4 : 1** = **12 : 3**

**Sample Problem 3:**

**Are the ratios 3 : 4 and 12 : 16 EQUAL or NOT?**

**Reducing Ratios**

Reducing ratios is similar to reducing a fraction in lowest terms since ratios can be expressed as fractions.

**Example:**

Reduce 12 : 16 in lowest terms.

Step 1: Find the GCF of the numbers in the ratio.

GCF is 4

Step 2: Divide the numbers in the ratio by the GCF.

**3 : 4**

**IMPORTANT:** Ratios are in lowest terms if and only if, the Greatest Common Factor left is 1.

**Sample Problem 4:**

**Reduce 16 : 24 in lowest term.**

**Sample Problem 5:**

**Who wants some yummy pancake?**

A recipe for pancakes uses 3 cups of flour and 2 cups of milk. To make pancakes for a LOT of people we might need 4 times the quantity.



1. What is the ratio of flour to milk in the original recipe?
2. What is the ratio of flour to milk in the NEW recipe?