

LESSON
4

Proportional Relationships

Reading Strategies: Use Graphic Aids

A **proportion** is a statement of two equal ratios. This statement is written as an equation.

One cup of juice contains 50 calories.

This statement can be written as a ratio.

$$\frac{\text{cups}}{\text{calories}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{50}$$



Two cups of juice contain 100 calories.

This statement can also be written as a ratio.

$$\frac{\text{cups}}{\text{calories}} \rightarrow \frac{2}{100}$$



Are these two ratios equal?

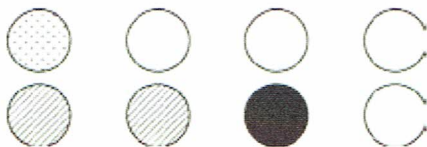
Step 1: Write a proportion with the two ratios.

$$\frac{1}{50} = \frac{2}{100} \rightarrow \text{Read: "1 is to 50 as 2 is to 100."}$$

Step 2: Find the cross products. If cross products are equal, the ratios are equal and form a proportion.

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{50} \times \frac{2}{100} \quad 2 \times 50 = 100 \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 1 \times 100 = 100 \end{array}$$

Use this picture to answer the questions.



1. What is the ratio of striped circles to total circles? _____
2. What is the ratio of black circles to white circles? _____
3. Find the cross products. Write = or \neq to complete. 4. Do $\frac{2}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ form a proportion?