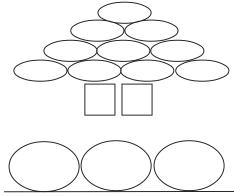
## Practice

## **Constant of Proportionality**

- **1.** The variable y is in a proportional relationship with x. The number of squares represents an x value. The number of ovals represents the corresponding y value. Identify the constant of proportionality.
- 2. The weight of 3 eggs is shown. Identify the constant of proportionality of total weight to number of eggs.



The weight of 3 eggs is 120 g.

- 3. Suppose the relationship between x and y is proportional. When x is 6, y is 78. Identify the constant of proportionality of y to x.
- 4. Since a middle school opened, the girls' basketball team has had the same record every season. The team has won a total of 169 games while losing only 13 games. Find the constant of proportionality of wins to losses.
- 5. Does the table show a proportional relationship? If so, what is the constant of proportionality of y to x?

х	5	6	7	8
у	90	108	126	144

6. The distance a jet aircraft flies has a proportional relationship with its number of hours in flight. The table shows the number of miles flown for a number of hours in flight.

Passenger Jet Travel					
Hours	2	3	4	5	
Miles	840	1,260	1,680	2,100	

- a) Find the constant of proportionality.
- b) How long will the jet take to travel 4,620 miles?

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7. The variable y has a proportional relationship with x as suggested by the graph. Use the graph to find the constant of proportionality.

8. The graph shows a proportional

a) What is the constant of

O A. 49 miles in 1 hour

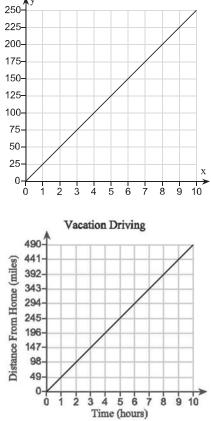
proportionality?

they spent driving.

relationship between a family's

distance from home and the time

b) What does the point (1,49) represent?



- O B. 1 mile in 49 hours O C. 49 miles in 49 hours
- 9. Writing Suppose the relationship between x and y is proportional. When x is 29, y is 275.5.
  - a) Find the constant of proportionality of y to x.
  - **b)** Use the constant of proportionality to find x when y is 408.5.
  - c) Explain how you can tell a relationship that is proportional from a relationship that is not proportional.
- 10. Reasoning The number of pizzas is in a proportional relationship to the weight of the shredded cheese topping. When shredded, a 50-lb block of cheese is enough to make 162.5 large pizzas.
  - a) Find the constant of proportionality.
  - b) Explain how you can use a constant of proportionality to find how much cheese is on one slice of pizza if there are 8 slices per pizza.

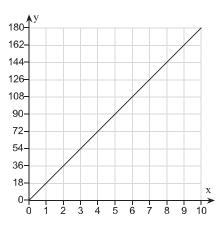
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11. Error Analysis You and a friend look at the graph. Your friend incorrectly says the constant of proportionality of y to x is  $\frac{1}{18}$ .

a) Find the correct constant of proportionality.

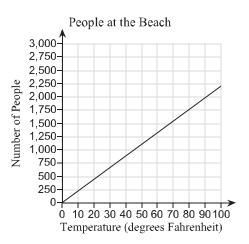
- b) What is your friend's likely error?
  - $\bigcirc$  A. Your friend found x y.
  - O B. Your friend found  $x \bullet y$ .
  - O C. Your friend found  $\frac{x}{y}$ .
  - O D. Your friend found  $\dot{x} + y$ .
- **12. Helicopter Ride** A couple takes a helicopter ride over a city. The table shows the proportional relationship between the altitude and time as the helicopter ascends.
  - a) Find the constant of proportionality of altitude to time.
  - **b)** What will the altitude of the helicopter be after 10 minutes?
  - c) How long will it take to reach a height of 6,747 feet?
- 13. The height of a building is in a proportional relationship to the number of its floors. The figure shows the height of a building with 9 floors.
  - a) Find the constant of proportionality.
  - b) Use the constant of proportionality to find the height of a building with 15 floors.
  - c) What does the constant of proportionality tell you?
- 14. Estimation The graph for temperatures from 60°F to 100°F has been extended to the origin. It suggests a proportional relationship, at least for warmer days, between the number of people at a beach and the outdoor temperature.
  - a) Estimate the constant of proportionality.
  - b) About how many people are at the beach when it is 95 degrees?



Helicopter Ascent				
Time (min)	Altitude (ft)			
5	2,595			
6	3,114			
7	3,633			
8	4,152			



The height of a building with 9 floors is 135 feet tall.



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- **15.** Challenge A city has two paint supply stores. Store A sells 2-gallon containers of paint. Each container covers 680 square feet for \$58. Store B sells paint only by the quart. Each quart sells for \$7.25 and covers 85 square feet. At each store, the cost of paint is in a proportional relationship to the amount of paint.
  - a) Find the constant of proportionality for Store A.
  - b) At which store is paint a better buy? (Hint: 4 quarts = 1 gallon)
    - $\rm O\,$  A. Paint is of equal value at both stores.
    - O B. Store B
    - O C. Store A
- **16.** Challenge A cell phone company has towers that are in a proportional relationship to how many people have its service.
  - a) Find the constant of proportionality.
  - **b)** If there are 576 towers in one state, how many customers are in that state?

Cell Phone Towers				
Customers	Towers			
(thousands)				
5.25	252			
6.25	300			
7.25	348			
9.25	444			

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