

5.9 Blank Note

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Unit 5: Percent, Ratio, and Rate

Math 8

5.9 Exploring Rates

Name _____

A rate is a comparison of two quantities measured in different units.

Some examples:

Apples are on sale for \$1.45 for 10.

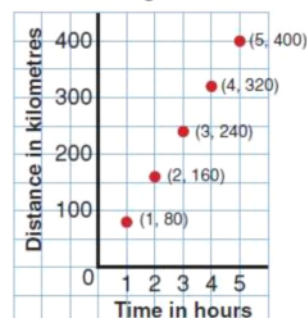
There are 500 sheets in one roll of paper towel.

Stephanie earns \$5.00 an hour for baby-sitting.

The last two are unit rates.

Each rate compares a quantity to one unit.

Car Travelling at 80 km/h



We can use diagrams, tables and graphs to find unit rates.

Example

Time (min)	5	10	15	20	25
Sheets printed	200	400	600	800	1000

A printing press prints 120 sheets in 3 minutes.

a) Express the printing as a unit rate.

b) How many sheets are printed in 1 hour?

a) First write the rate.

(Use the idea of equivalent ratios to help find the unit rate.)

$$\frac{120 \text{ sheets}}{3 \text{ min}} = \frac{120 \text{ sheets} / 3}{3 \text{ min} / 3} = \frac{40 \text{ sheets}}{1 \text{ min}}$$

b) We know that there are 40 sheets / min printed.

There is 60 minutes in 1 hour.

$$\frac{40 \text{ sheets}}{1 \text{ min}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hour}} = \frac{40 \times 60 \text{ sheets}}{1 \text{ hour}} = \frac{2400 \text{ sheets}}{1 \text{ hour}}$$

Try This:

1. Leo types 180 words in 3 minutes. Express as a unit rate.

$$\frac{180 \text{ words}}{3 \text{ min}} = \frac{180 \text{ words} / 3}{3 \text{ min} / 3} = \frac{60 \text{ words}}{1 \text{ min}}$$

