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Multi-Step Proportions Practice

For all problems below, write and solve proportions to find the answers. Include units with your answers.

1. At Larry's Auto Dealership, Larry earns 7% commission on every Rambler SUV he sells. Each Rambler sells for \$33,000. Last month, Larry sold 4 Rambler SUVs. How much commission did he make last month?

$$\frac{\$33,000}{100\%} = \frac{\$x}{7\%} \quad x = 33,000 \cdot 0.07 = \$2310 \text{ per SUV}$$

$$2310 \cdot 4 = \boxed{\$9240 \text{ commission}}$$

2. Larry decides to have a sale on his 4-door sedans. He offers customers a choice of \$1,500 off the price or 6% discount off the price. Larry's sedans are originally priced at \$26,000. Which is the better deal for his customers?

$$\begin{array}{r} 26000 \\ - 1500 \\ \hline \$24500 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\$26000}{100\%} = \frac{\$x}{6\%} \quad x = 26000 \cdot 0.06 = 1560$$

$$26000 - 1560 = \$24,440$$

6% discount is better.

3. A veterinarian's clinic has a patient load where the ratio of cats to dogs is 12 to 4. What percent of the total patients are cats?

$$\text{total patients} = 12 + 4 = 16$$

$$\frac{12 \text{ cats}}{16 \text{ total}} = \frac{x\%}{100\%} \quad x = 12 \cdot 0.25 = 75\%$$

$$x = 12 \cdot 0.25 = \boxed{75\% \text{ cats}}$$

4. After eating at your favorite restaurant, you know that the bill before tax is \$52.60, and that the sales tax is 8%. You decide to leave a 20% tip for the waiter based on the pre-tax amount. What will be the amount of the total bill, including tax and tip?

$$\frac{\$52.60}{100\%} = \frac{\text{tip}}{20\%} \quad \text{tip} = 52.60 \cdot 0.2 = \$10.52$$

$$\frac{\$52.60}{100\%} = \frac{\text{tax}}{8\%} \quad \text{tax} = 52.60 \cdot 0.08 = \$4.208$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 52.60 \\ 10.52 \\ + 4.208 \\ \hline 67.328 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{\$67.33 \text{ total}}$$

5. Nancy wants to put a birdseed mix in her birdfeeder. The mix is 20% wild bird seed and 80% sunflower seed. Her birdfeeder can hold 8 cups of birdseed. How cups of each type of bird seeds will she need to fill the birdfeeder?

$$\frac{20\% \text{ wild}}{100\%} = \frac{x \text{ cups wild}}{8 \text{ cups}} \quad x = 20 \cdot 0.08 = 1.6 \text{ cup wild bird seed}$$

$$\frac{80\% \text{ sunflower}}{100\%} = \frac{x \text{ cups sunflower}}{8 \text{ cups}} \quad x = 80 \cdot 0.08 = 6.4 \text{ cups sunflower seeds}$$

$$x = 20 \cdot 0.08 = \boxed{1.6 \text{ cup wild bird seed}}$$

$$\boxed{6.4 \text{ cups sunflower seeds}}$$

6. The Sports Depot is having a sale. Mike buys a pair of gloves that originally cost \$24, but are on sale for 25% off. He also buys a pair of skis that originally cost \$250, but are on sale for 15% off. What is the total amount that Mike pays for his new gear?

$$\frac{\$24}{100\%} = \frac{\$x}{25\%} \quad x = 24 \cdot 0.25 = \$6$$

$$24 - 6 = \$18 \text{ gloves}$$

$$\frac{\$250}{100\%} = \frac{\$x}{15\%} \quad x = 250 \cdot 0.15 = \$37.50$$

$$250 - 37.50 = \$212.50 \text{ skis}$$

$$18 + 212.50 = \boxed{\$230.50 \text{ total}}$$