Graphing Proportional Relationships

The head baker at Early Rise Bakery makes snickerdoodle cookies every day. For every 24 snickerdoodle cookies the baker makes, he uses 2 cups of sugar. The number of cookies made, y, is proportional to the cups of sugar used, x. Let's graph this proportional relationship!

Find points that satisfy the relationship and plot them. Then connect them with a line.

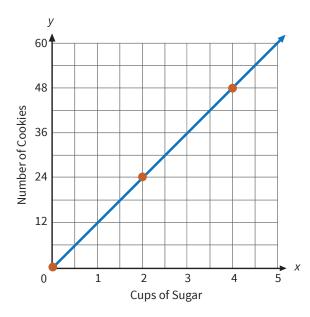
- The baker wouldn't use any cups of sugar for 0 cookies, so the point (0, 0) satisfies this relationship. All proportional relationships include the point (0, 0).
- The baker uses 2 cups of sugar for 24 cookies, so another point is (2, 24).
- The baker would use 4 cups of sugar for 48 cookies, so another point is (4, 48).

To find the constant of proportionality, pick one of the points other than (0, 0) and divide y by x.

$$\frac{\text{number of cookies }(y)}{\text{cups of sugar }(x)} = \frac{24}{2} = 12 \text{ cookies per cup of sugar}$$

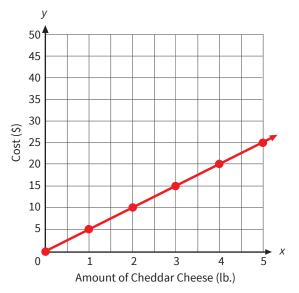
You can see the constant of proportionality on the graph at (1, 12).





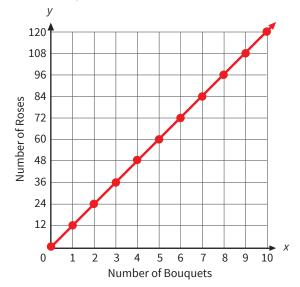
${ m Try\ it!}$ Graph the proportional relationship by plotting at least 3 points and connecting them with a line. Then find the constant of proportionality.

At Geraldo's Deli, Fred ordered 2 pounds of cheddar cheese. He paid \$10 in all. The cost, y, is proportional to the amount of cheddar cheese, x.



What is the constant of proportionality? ____

Evelyn works at a flower shop. This morning, she made 5 seasonal bouquets. Evelyn used a total of 60 roses in the bouquets. The number of roses, y, is proportional to the number of bouquets, x.

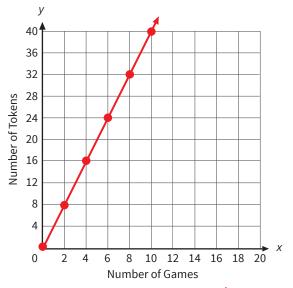


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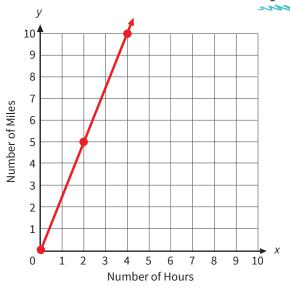
Keep going! Graph the proportional relationship by plotting at least 3 points and connecting them with a line. Then find the constant of proportionality.

At Galaxy Game Zone, Nolan used 16 tokens to play 4 games of air hockey. The number of tokens, y, is proportional to the number of games, x.



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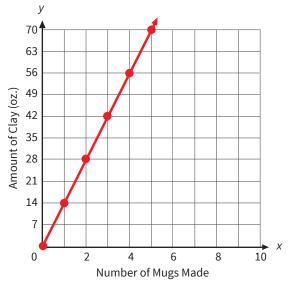
Lexi went hiking at Chestnut Trails yesterday. It took her 4 hours to hike a 10 mile trail. The number of miles hiked, y, is proportional to the hours hiked, x.



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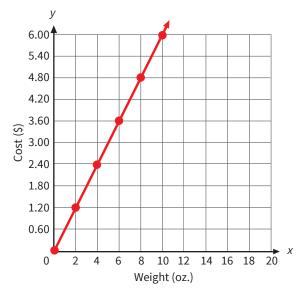


Toby visited a pottery studio. He made 3 mugs using 42 ounces of clay. The amount of clay used, y, is proportional to the number of mugs made, x.



What is the constant of proportionality? ___

At Pip's Frozen Custard, Riley filled her bowl with her favorite flavors and toppings. Her bowl weighed 8 ounces and cost \$4.80. The cost, y, is proportional to the weight, x.



What is the constant of proportionality? 0.60