

Write Yes if the ratios are equal; No if they are not.

1. $5 : 7$ and $15 : 21$

Yes

2. $4 : 16$ and $4 : 8$

No

3. $9 : 15$ and $21 : 24$

No

4. $14 : 16$ and $12 : 28$

No

5. $3 : 18$ and $2 : 12$

Yes

6. $9 : 12$ and $25 : 40$

No

7. $5 : 35$ and $2 : 4$

No

8. $10 : 12$ and $15 : 18$

Yes

9. $1 : 2$ and $4 : 8$

Yes

10. $5 : 8$ and $10 : 16$

Yes

11. $24 : 28$ and $18 : 21$

Yes

12. $6 : 15$ and $15 : 25$

No

Solution Steps

$$1) \quad 5 : 7 \text{ and } 15 : 21$$

To express the ratio '5 to 7' as a fraction, place 5 over 7 and reduce

To express the ratio '15 to 21' as a fraction, place 15 over 21 and reduce

15

$\frac{15}{21}$ can be reduced, since 3 is a factor of both 15 and 21:

$$\frac{15}{21} \div \frac{3}{3} = \frac{5}{7}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$$\frac{5}{7} \text{ is equal to } \frac{15}{21}$$

$$2) \quad 4 : 16 \text{ and } 4 : 8$$

To express the ratio '4 to 16' as a fraction, place 4 over 16 and reduce

To express the ratio '4 to 8' as a fraction, place 4 over 8 and reduce

4

$\frac{16}{4}$ can be reduced, since 4 is a factor of both 4 and 16:

$$\frac{16}{4} \div \frac{4}{4} = \frac{1}{1}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

4

$\frac{8}{4}$ can be reduced, since 4 is a factor of both 4 and 8:

$$\frac{8}{4} \div \frac{4}{4} = \frac{1}{1}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$$\frac{4}{16} \text{ is not equal to } \frac{4}{8}$$

$$^3) 9 : 15 \text{ and } 21 : 24$$

To express the ratio '9 to 15' as a fraction, place 9 over 15 and reduce

To express the ratio '21 to 24' as a fraction, place 21 over 24 and reduce

$\frac{9}{15}$ can be reduced, since 3 is a factor of both 9 and 15:

$$\frac{9}{15} \div \frac{3}{3} = \frac{3}{5}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{21}{24}$ can be reduced, since 3 is a factor of both 21 and 24:

$$\frac{21}{24} \div \frac{3}{3} = \frac{7}{8}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{9}{15}$ is not equal to $\frac{21}{24}$

$$^4) 14 : 16 \text{ and } 12 : 28$$

To express the ratio '14 to 16' as a fraction, place 14 over 16 and reduce

To express the ratio '12 to 28' as a fraction, place 12 over 28 and reduce

$\frac{14}{16}$ can be reduced, since 2 is a factor of both 14 and 16:

$$\frac{14}{16} \div \frac{2}{2} = \frac{7}{8}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{12}{28}$ can be reduced, since 4 is a factor of both 12 and 28:

$$\frac{12}{28} \div \frac{4}{4} = \frac{3}{7}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{14}{16}$ is not equal to $\frac{12}{28}$

$$^5) 3 : 18 \text{ and } 2 : 12$$

To express the ratio '3 to 18' as a fraction, place 3 over 18 and reduce

To express the ratio '2 to 12' as a fraction, place 2 over 12 and reduce

$\frac{3}{18}$ can be reduced, since 3 is a factor of both 3 and 18:

$$\frac{3}{18} \div \frac{3}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{2}{12}$ can be reduced, since 2 is a factor of both 2 and 12:

$$\frac{2}{12} \div \frac{2}{2} = \frac{1}{6}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$$\frac{3}{18} \text{ is equal to } \frac{2}{12}$$

$$^6) 9 : 12 \text{ and } 25 : 40$$

To express the ratio '9 to 12' as a fraction, place 9 over 12 and reduce

To express the ratio '25 to 40' as a fraction, place 25 over 40 and reduce

$\frac{9}{12}$ can be reduced, since 3 is a factor of both 9 and 12:

$$\frac{9}{12} \div \frac{3}{3} = \frac{3}{4}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{25}{40}$ can be reduced, since 5 is a factor of both 25 and 40:

$$\frac{25}{40} \div \frac{5}{5} = \frac{5}{8}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$$\frac{9}{12} \text{ is not equal to } \frac{25}{40}$$

$$7) 5 : 35 \text{ and } 2 : 4$$

To express the ratio '5 to 35' as a fraction, place 5 over 35 and reduce

To express the ratio '2 to 4' as a fraction, place 2 over 4 and reduce

$\frac{5}{35}$ can be reduced, since 5 is a factor of both 5 and 35:

$$\frac{5}{35} \div \frac{5}{5} = \frac{1}{7}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{2}{4}$ can be reduced, since 2 is a factor of both 2 and 4:

$$\frac{2}{4} \div \frac{2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{5}{35}$ is not equal to $\frac{2}{4}$

$$8) 10 : 12 \text{ and } 15 : 18$$

To express the ratio '10 to 12' as a fraction, place 10 over 12 and reduce

To express the ratio '15 to 18' as a fraction, place 15 over 18 and reduce

$\frac{10}{12}$ can be reduced, since 2 is a factor of both 10 and 12:

$$\frac{10}{12} \div \frac{2}{2} = \frac{5}{6}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{15}{18}$ can be reduced, since 3 is a factor of both 15 and 18:

$$\frac{15}{18} \div \frac{3}{3} = \frac{5}{6}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{10}{12}$ is equal to $\frac{15}{18}$

$$^9) 1 : 2 \text{ and } 4 : 8$$

To express the ratio '1 to 2' as a fraction, place 1 over 2 and reduce

To express the ratio '4 to 8' as a fraction, place 4 over 8 and reduce

$\frac{4}{8}$ can be reduced, since 4 is a factor of both 4 and 8:

$$\frac{4}{8} \div \frac{4}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ is equal to } \frac{4}{8}$$

$$^{10}) 5 : 8 \text{ and } 10 : 16$$

To express the ratio '5 to 8' as a fraction, place 5 over 8 and reduce

To express the ratio '10 to 16' as a fraction, place 10 over 16 and reduce

$\frac{10}{16}$ can be reduced, since 2 is a factor of both 10 and 16:

$$\frac{10}{16} \div \frac{2}{2} = \frac{5}{8}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$$\frac{5}{8} \text{ is equal to } \frac{10}{16}$$

$$^{11}) 24 : 28 \text{ and } 18 : 21$$

To express the ratio '24 to 28' as a fraction, place 24 over 28 and reduce

To express the ratio '18 to 21' as a fraction, place 18 over 21 and reduce

$\frac{24}{28}$ can be reduced, since 4 is a factor of both 24 and 28:

$$\frac{24}{28} \div \frac{4}{4} = \frac{6}{7}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{18}{21}$ can be reduced, since 3 is a factor of both 18 and 21:

$$\frac{18}{21} \div \frac{3}{3} = \frac{6}{7}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$$\frac{24}{28} \text{ is equal to } \frac{18}{21}$$

$$^{12)} 6 : 15 \text{ and } 15 : 25$$

To express the ratio '6 to 15' as a fraction, place 6 over 15 and reduce

To express the ratio '15 to 25' as a fraction, place 15 over 25 and reduce

$\frac{6}{15}$ can be reduced, since 3 is a factor of both 6 and 15:

$$\frac{6}{15} \div \frac{3}{3} = \frac{2}{5}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{15}{25}$ can be reduced, since 5 is a factor of both 15 and 25:

$$\frac{15}{25} \div \frac{5}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

The fraction is now in lowest terms

$\frac{6}{15}$ is not equal to $\frac{15}{25}$