

1. Amy and her family were traveling during their vacation. She looked at her watch at Point 1 in the diagram below, and then again at Point 2 in the diagram below. Her mom told her how far they traveled in that time, as noted below.



Point 1



Point 2

- a. Based on this information, what is the unit rate of the car? Explain in words what that unit rate means in the context of the problem.
- b. Amy's dad said that the entire trip was 1200 miles. How many hours will it take to complete the trip? Explain your reasoning in words.

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The reasoning used to solve the parts of the problem may include:

- Failing to find a unit rate.
- Choosing numbers other than 80 miles and 2 hours to scale down; but scaling down in tabular or fraction form to a unit rate consistent with both incorrect numbers chosen; or correctly using a proportion or proportional reasoning to find the unit rate, but choosing a distance other than 80 miles and a time other than 2 hours.
- Using a proportion or proportional reasoning, but choosing a distance other than 80 miles and a time other than 2 hours.

Handwritten student work showing five multiplication problems:

$$\begin{array}{r} 80 \\ \times 10 \\ \hline 800 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 80 \\ \times 12 \\ \hline 960 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 80 \\ \times 13 \\ \hline 1040 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 80 \\ \times 14 \\ \hline 1120 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 80 \\ \times 15 \\ \hline 1200 \end{array}$$

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- Indicating the 80-mile trip took two hours; scaling down the 80 mile : 2 hour rate in tabular or fraction form to 40/1 or 40 miles per hour.
- Using a proportion or proportional reasoning (e.g., 2 hours is twice 1 hour, so I can half 80 miles (or divide 80 miles by 2) to find the unit rate.
- Scaling up the 80 mile : 2 hours or 40 mile : 1 hour rate in tabular or fraction form to 1200 miles : 30 hours.
- Using a proportion or proportional reasoning (e.g., 1200 miles is 40 miles times 30, so I can multiply 1 hour by 30.)

miles	40	400	1200
hours	1	10	30

$$a. \frac{80 \text{ mi}}{2 \text{ hr}} \div 2 = \frac{40 \text{ mi}}{1 \text{ hr}}$$

The unit of the car is  
40 miles per hour

$$b. \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{x} = \frac{40 \text{ mi}}{1200 \text{ mi}}$$

$$\frac{1200}{40} = \frac{40x}{40}$$

$$x = 30$$

It will take them 30 hours to complete the trip.  
I know because I used a proportion and got 30 hours per 1200 miles.

Check my work ✓

$$\downarrow \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{30 \text{ hr}} \times \frac{40 \text{ mi}}{1200 \text{ mi}} \downarrow$$

$$1200 \odot 1200$$

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- Correctly using a proportion or proportional reasoning to find the unit rate, but choosing a distance other than 80 miles or a time other than 2 hours.
- Scaling up the 80 mile : 2 hour or 40 mile : 1 hour rate in tabular or fraction form, but failing to reach or failing to stop at 1200 miles.
- Using a proportion or proportional reasoning (e.g., 1200 miles is 80 miles times 15), but failing to multiply 2 hours by 15.

miles	40	80	120	160
hours	1	2	3	4

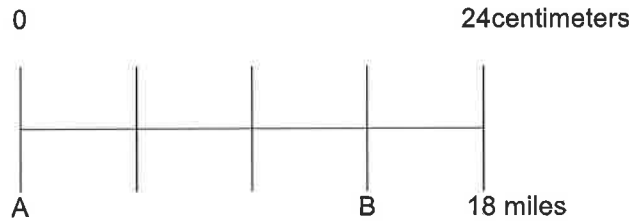
traveled 2 hours

A unit rate is  $\frac{40 \text{ mi}}{1 \text{ hour}}$  the unit rate needs to have a denominator of one. So the 2 was going to be in the numerator so I divided  $2/80$  to get half.

Every 2 hour is 80 mi  
It will take them 15 hours  
to get to their destination because

$$\begin{array}{r}
 80 \times 15 \\
 \underline{-80} \\
 400 \\
 \underline{-400} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

2. On a map of the United States, 24 centimeters represents 18 miles, and the 24 centimeter segment is divided into four equal pieces, as shown in the picture below.



- How many centimeters represent one mile?
- How long is the line segment between A and B in centimeters? Use mathematical reasoning to justify your response.
- If A and B represent two cities, what is the actual distance between the two cities? Use mathematical reasoning to justify your response.

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Map Task

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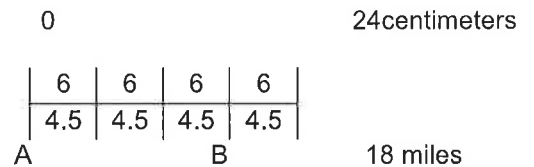
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The reasoning used to solve the parts of the problem may include:

- Dividing the line segment into equal-sized pieces and reasoning from the picture, but indicating, e.g., that the 6 cm. segment represents one mile.
- Forming the ratio 18 cm : 24 mi. or 18 mi. : 24 cm and scaling down to a denominator of 1 or dividing 18 by 24; possibly drawing a picture first and using 4.5/6; possibly using similar reasoning in part c.
- Incorrectly forming the ratio of line segment AB to the 24 cm segment, but then correctly finding that fraction of 24, or correctly forming the ratio of line segment AB to the 24 cm segment, but then finding that fraction of 18; possibly using scaling or proportions to do so; possibly using similar reasoning in part c.
- Correctly attempting only two parts of the problem.



a.  $\frac{24 \text{ mi}}{18 \text{ cm}} = \frac{1 \text{ mi}}{1.3 \text{ cm}}$   
 1.3 cm represent 1 mile

b. The line segment between A and B is 9.5 cm

c.  $\frac{1.3 \text{ cm}}{9.5 \text{ cm}} = \frac{1 \text{ mi}}{X}$   
 ~~$\frac{23}{18} = \frac{4.5}{1.5}$~~   
 $X = 3.46$   
 The actual distance between the two cities is 3.46 miles

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- b. Forming some appropriate ratios, but failing to scale appropriately.
- c. Correctly attempting only one part of the problem.

a. ~~1 m = 6 cm~~  $24 \text{ cm} = 18 \text{ miles}$   
 $6 \text{ cm} = 1 \text{ mile}$

b.  $4 \frac{1}{2} \text{ cm}$        $1.3 = \frac{4.5}{18}$

c. ~~18 cm~~  $12 \text{ cm} = 4.5 \text{ miles}$        $18 \div 4 = 4.5$

$12 \text{ m}$

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3 Points

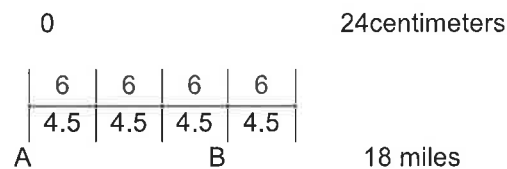
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- Forming the ratio 24 cm : 18 mi. and scaling down to a denominator of 1 or dividing 24 by 18; possibly drawing a picture first and using  $6/4.5$ ; possibly using similar reasoning in part c.
- Noting that the ratio of line segment AB to the 24 cm segment is  $\frac{3}{4}$ , and finding  $\frac{3}{4}(24)$ ; using the proportion  $\frac{3}{4} = x/24$  then scaling 4 up to 24 and 3 up to 18 with tables or multiplication; or solving the proportion as an equation; possibly using similar reasoning in part c.



A.  $\frac{24 \text{ cm}}{18 \text{ mi}} = 1.3333 \dots$  represents 1 mile

18 | 24.00  
 18  
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 460  
 54  
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 60

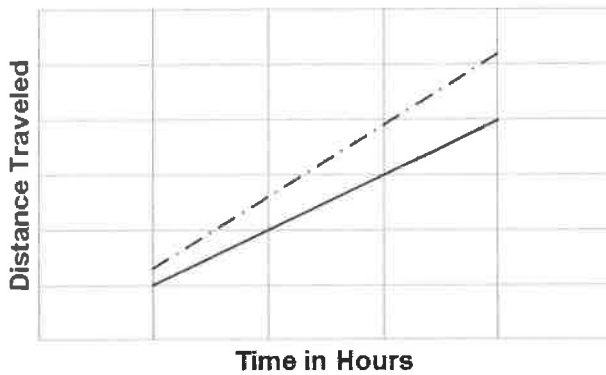
B.  $\frac{24 \text{ cm}}{18 \text{ mi}} = 1.3333 \dots$

the final segment is 18cm  
used the picture

C. the actual distance is 3.5mi  
used my picture



3. Jack and Jill raced cross-country on motor bikes. Jack drove 325 miles in 5 hours; Jill took  $6\frac{1}{2}$  hours to travel the same distance as Jack.
- Compute the unit rates that describe Jack's average driving speed and Jill's average driving speed. Show how you made your decisions.
  - A portion of the graph of Jack and Jill's race appears below. Identify which line segment belongs to Jack and which belongs to Jill. Explain in words how you decided which line segment belongs to Jack and which belongs to Jill.



Legend



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Jack and Jill's Race Task

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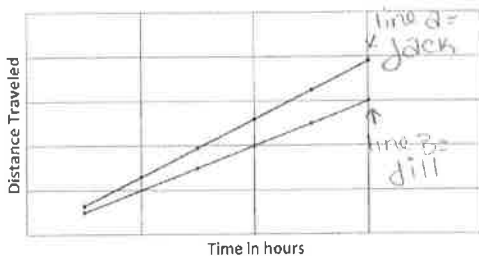
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- Recognizing that the line rising more quickly must represent the faster biker.
- Noting that, for any one or all points on the graph, those appearing on the upper line show a larger distance traveled in the same amount of time as those points on the lower line; may or may not reference that the x-coordinate represents amount of time traveled while the y-coordinate represents distance traveled.
- Building a table of values for each biker and matching the table to the graph, possibly by choosing scales for the axes.



$$\frac{325 \text{ mi}}{5 \text{ hrs}} = \frac{65 \text{ miles}}{1 \text{ hr}}$$

$$325 \div 5 = 65$$
 Jack rode 65 miles per hour

$$\frac{325 \text{ mi}}{6 \text{ hrs}} = \frac{54.16 \text{ miles}}{1 \text{ hr}}$$

$$325 \div 6 = 54.16$$
 Jill rode 54.16 miles per hour

I think that line A shows Jack's progress because it is moving upward at a faster rate than line B. This is because Jack rode faster than Jill.

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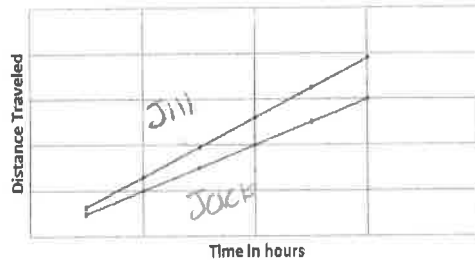
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- a. Assuming proportionality rather than trying to find unit rate.
- b. Reference to the length of the segments rather than distance and time.
- c. Assuming the upper line suggests more time rather than a larger distance when compared to time.



a  $\frac{5 \text{ hours}}{325 \text{ miles}} = \frac{6\frac{1}{2} \text{ hours}}{x}$

325

$\frac{5x}{5} = 325 \cdot 6\frac{1}{2} = 2112.5$   
 $x = 422.5$

b = I think the line at the bottom is Jack and the top is Jill because it took Jill  $6\frac{1}{2}$  hours just to go as far as Jack while it took Jack 5 hours to go 325 miles

$$\begin{array}{r} 42.25 \\ \sqrt{2112.5} \\ \underline{841} \\ 125 \\ \underline{10} \\ 12 \\ 10 \\ \underline{25} \\ 25 \\ \underline{00} \end{array}$$

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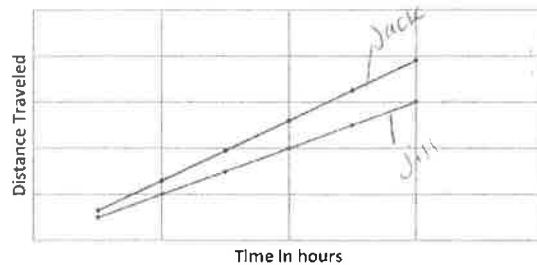
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- Recognizing that the top line must represent the faster biker, but failing to note that the top line is rising more quickly.
- Generally noting that the points appearing on the upper line show a larger distance traveled without noting that the larger distance is occurring in the same amount of time.
- Building a table of values for each biker and matching the table to the graph, possibly by choosing scales for the axes; scales may be inappropriately chosen or tables of values may be arbitrary.



$$a. i. \frac{32.5 \text{ mi}}{5 \text{ hr}} = \frac{5}{5} = \frac{6.5}{1 \text{ hr}}$$

Jack's average speed is 6.5 mi/hr

$$ii. \frac{32.5 \text{ mi}}{6.5 \text{ hr}} = \frac{6.5}{6.5} = \frac{50}{1 \text{ hr}}$$

Jill's average driving speed is 50 mi/hr

b. ii I made my decision because Jack drives at a higher rate per hour

4. Reynaldo is planning to drive from New York to San Francisco in his car. Reynaldo started to fill out the table below showing how far in miles he can travel for each gallon of gas he uses.

Gallons	2	4		8	10	12
Miles	56		168	224		

Use the information in Reynaldo's table to answer the questions below.

- Complete the table for Reynaldo. Assume the relationship in the table is proportional.
- Based on the table, how many miles per gallon did Reynaldo's car get? Explain your reasoning in words.
- Write an equation that Reynaldo can use to find the distance ( $d$ ) he can drive on any number of gallons of gas ( $g$ ).
- When Reynaldo's tank is full, it holds 20 gallons. How far can Reynaldo drive on a full tank of gas?

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- Indicating that the unit rate can be multiplied by the number of gallons to find the distance, and using that process.
- Using a proportion or proportional reasoning (e.g., 2 times 10 equals 20, so I can multiply 56 by 10 to find distance).
- Extending the table of values.

Gallons	2	4	6	8	10	12
Miles	56	112	168	224	280	336

28 because 2 gallons equal 56 miles  
 so half of it is  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$D = 280g$$

I double  $\frac{70}{280}$  I double it which is  $\frac{70}{350}$ .

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- Indicating that the unit rate can be multiplied by the number of gallons to find the distance, and using that process, but using an incorrect unit rate or number of gallons.
- Using a proportion or proportional reasoning incorrectly (e.g., 20 gallons is 2 times 10, so I can multiply 10 by 10 to find distance).
- Extending the table of values, but failing to recognize the need to stop at 20 gallons.

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$$b. \dots \frac{56}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = \frac{28 \text{ mi}}{1 \text{ gal}}$$

Reynaldo used 28 miles per gallon

c. a constant rate of 28 miles per gallon

$$d = 28g$$

d.  $\frac{1 \text{ gal}}{20 \text{ gal}} = \frac{28 \text{ mi}}{x}$  Reynaldo can drive 560 miles on a full tank

$$\frac{1x}{20} = \frac{560}{1}$$

$$x = 560$$

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- No attempt at mathematical reasoning to respond to part b.
- Some attempt to scale, but failure to maintain the ratio, typically by reverting to addition.
- Failure to attempt at least two parts of the problem.

a)

gallons	2	4	6	8	10	12
Miles	56	112	168	224	280	336

b) He used the number 56.

c) Keep adding for the gallons and keep adding 56 for the miles