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Student Exploration: Part-to-part and Part-to-whole Ratios

Vocabulary: decimal, equivalent, fraction, percent, proportion, ratio

Prior Knowledge Questions (Do these BEFORE using the Gizmo.)
One out of every 4 students in a club is a girl. There are 20 students in the club.

1. How many girls are in the club? _____ Explain how you know. _____

2.	How many boys are in the club?	Explain how you know.	

Gizmo Warm-up

A **ratio** is a comparison between two things by division. There are three main ways to express ratios – as **fractions**, as **decimals**, and as **percents**. In the *Part-to-part and Part-to-whole Ratios* Gizmo, you can model ratios by shading an area model.

The grid in the Gizmo can be adjusted to contain from 1 to 300 squares by dragging the handle at the bottom-right corner. Each square can be shaded or unshaded by clicking in it. You can also click and drag to shade multiple squares.



- 1. In the Gizmo, select **Show part:part ratios**. Create a grid that is 5 squares wide and 3 squares tall. Shade 5 squares, as shown above.
 - A. How many shaded squares are there?
 - B. How many unshaded squares are there?
 - C. How many total squares are there?
- 2. Each row of the table in the Gizmo shows **equivalent** (equal) ratios. Look at the **shaded:unshaded** row. Fill in the equation to show the four equivalent numbers in that row.



Activity A:	Get the Gizmo ready:	shaded : total
Using ratios	 Click Clear. Select Show part:whole ratios. 	unshaded : total

- 1. One out of every 4 students in a club with 20 members is a girl. To model the club, create a grid with 20 squares and shade 5 squares.
 - A. What do the 20 squares in the grid represent?
 - B. What do the 5 shaded squares represent?
 - C. How many squares are unshaded? _____ What do they represent? _____
- 2. The table in the Gizmo shows two different ratios **shaded:total** and **unshaded:total**. Fill in the table below to show the four equivalent numbers modeled by each ratio.

	Fraction	Simplified fraction	Decimal	Percent
shaded:total				
unshaded:total				

- 3. Each ratio in the table can be described in terms of girls, boys, and total members.
 - A. Fill in the blanks with girls, boys, or total members to describe the **shaded:total** and **unshaded: total** ratios.

shaded:total	:	
unshaded:total _		:

- B. The first fraction shown in each row is unsimplified and the second is simplified.
 - What does the unsimplified fraction tell you that the simplified fraction does not?
- C. Can either of these ratios ever be greater than 1? _____ Explain. _____

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4. Five more girls join the club. There are now 25 members and 10 girls. Model the new club membership in the Gizmo. Select **Show part:part ratios**. Fill in the table below to show the four equivalent numbers modeled by each ratio.

	Fraction	Simplified fraction	Decimal	Percent
shaded:unshaded				
unshaded:shaded				

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- 5. Each ratio in the table above can be described in terms of girls, boys, and total members.
 - A. Fill in the blanks with words to describe the shaded:unshaded ratio.
 - B. How does the shaded:unshaded ratio compare to 1?

What does this tell you?

- C. Fill in the blanks with words to describe the unshaded:shaded ratio.
- D. How does the **unshaded:shaded** ratio compare to 1?

What does this tell you? _____

6. Try to figure out how many boys and girls are in each club. Then check your answers in the Gizmo. (Note: The last one cannot be modeled in the Gizmo.)

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A.	Total students = 100; boys:total students = $\frac{1}{4}$	boys =	girls =
В.	Total students = 27; girls:total students = 2:3	boys =	girls =
C.	Total students = 12; boys:girls = 1:1	boys =	girls =
D.	Total students = 16; girls:boys = $\frac{3}{1}$	boys =	girls =
E.	Total students = 350; boys:total students = $\frac{4}{5}$	boys =	girls =



Activity B:	Get the Gizmo ready:			
Proportions	Click Clear.			

- 1. There are 15 girls and 10 boys in a club. Use the Gizmo to model this club.
 - A. How many total squares did you use? _____
 - B. How many squares did you shade? _____
 - C. How many squares are unshaded? _____
- 2. Select **Show part:whole ratios**. Each equation shown in the **Fraction** column shows two equivalent ratios and is called a **proportion**.
 - A. Write a proportion that describes the girls:total students ratio. $\frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{1}$
 - B. The simplified fraction tells us that there are 3 girls for every 5 students. How many

boys are there for every 5 students?	How do you know?
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C. Suppose the club is split into groups of 5. The girls:boys ratio for each group is the same as it is for the entire club. How many girls and boys are in each group?

girls = _____ boys = _____

- 3. Another club has the same girls:total students ratio. There are 15 students in this club.
 - A. You can find the number of girls in this club by using this proportion: $\frac{3}{5} = \frac{?}{15}$.

What is the missing number? _____ How did you find it? _____

- B. Write a proportion you can use to find the number of boys. $\frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{1}$
- C. How many boys are in the club? _____ Check your answer in the Gizmo.

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4.	Two other clubs have a girls:total students ratio of 3:5. One club is smaller than the club in
	question 3 and one is larger.

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- 5. Two new clubs are formed. The ratio of boys:girls for both clubs is 3:7. Answer the questions below on your own first. Then check your answers in the Gizmo.
 - A. One club has more than 20 students total. How many boys and girls could this club

have? (There is more than one possible answer.) boys = _____ girls = _____

B. The other club is larger than the club in part A. How many boys and girls could this

club have? boys = ____ girls = ____

6. Write a proportion for each question, using a question mark in place of the missing number. Use the proportion to find the missing number. Then check your answers in the Gizmo. (Note: The last one cannot be modeled in the Gizmo.)

A. girls:total students= 3:7, girls = 12, boys =	
B. boys:total students = 2:9, girls = 21, boys =	
C. girls:boys = 2:3, boys = 225, total students =	

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