Prealgebra ~ Lesson 36

Work the following examples as you listen to the recorded lecture.

Proportions

Proportion – a comparison of two ratios

Hint: Do not confuse working proportions with multiplying fractions.

Write the following as proportions:

Example 1: 1 raisin is to 5 cornflakes as 8 raisins is to 40 cornflakes

Example 2: 20 students is to 5 microscopes as 4 students is to 1 microscope

Determine if the following proportions are true or false:

Example 3:
$$\frac{8}{6} = \frac{20}{15}$$

Example 4:
$$\frac{5}{8} = \frac{4}{7}$$

Example 5:
$$\frac{2\frac{2}{5}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{\frac{10}{9}}{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Solve:

Example 6:
$$\frac{x}{3} = \frac{12}{9}$$

Example 7:
$$\frac{12}{10} = \frac{z}{16}$$