## Ratio, Proportion and Scaling Up or Down

Upper KS2 (use of concrete resources still applies)

## Ratio

(The following problem has been solved using double sided counters but could equally be drawn using bars.)

Sam and Tom have football stickers in the ratio of 2 to 3. Altogether they have 25 stickers. If Sam gives half of his stickers to Tom, how many will Tom have?


Step 3 Give half of Sam's stickers to Tom<br>Step 4 Multiply 5 by 4 to give the total value of Tom's stickers<br>Answer: $5 \times 4=20$

At a dance there are 4 girls to every 3 boys. There are 63 children altogether? How many girls are there?


Marissa and Lucas share some Lego cards in the ratio of 2:3. If Lucas has 36 Lego cards, how many cards are there altogether?


## Proportion

In a class, 18 of the children are girls.
A quarter of the children in the class are boys.
Altogether, how many children are there in the class?

## The Class

The bar represents the whole class


Folding the bar into quarters allows us to represent the boys as a proportion of the whole class

| Boys | Girls | Girls | Girls |
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The rest of the class must be girls


There are 18 girls so each of the three girl sections must equal 6 and so the boy section must also be $6.6 \times 4=24$, there are 24 children in the class.

## Scaling

Marissa and Lucas have $£ 100$ between them. Marissa has three times more than Lucas. How much money does Marissa have?


Seeing this visually makes it very clear that the $£ 100$ needs to be divided equally into 4 parts. Marissa has 3 of those parts: $£ 25+£ 25+$ $£ 25=£ 75$

Lucy, Amy and Jane are baking cakes for a cake sale. Jane bakes 24 cakes. Lucy bakes twice as many cakes as Jane and Amy bakes 3 times as many cakes as Jane. How many do they bake altogether?

Jane:
24
Lucy:
24
24
Amy: $\square$ 24
$24 \times 6=144$

## Example problems:

| Seven in every nine packets of <br> crisps in a box are salt and <br> vinegar. The rest are plain. There <br> are 63 packets of salt and <br> vinegar crisps. How many <br> packets of plain crisps are there? | A gardener plants tulip bulbs in a <br> flowerbed. She plants 3 red <br> bulbs for every 4 white bulbs. <br> She plants 60 red bulbs. How <br> many white bulbs does she <br> plant? |
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| Shannon and Amir share $£ 56$ in <br> the ratio of 3:5. How much <br> money does each person get? | 90 sweets are shared between <br> three bowls (a, b and c) in the <br> ratio of 1:2:3. How many more <br> sweets does bowl b have than <br> bowl a? |
| The farmer has 24 animals There <br> are three times as many sheep <br> as cows. How many Sheep? How <br> many cows? | The farmer has 42 animals There <br> are twice as many ducks as cows <br> and three times as many sheep <br> as cows. How many Sheep? How <br> many cows? How many ducks? |

