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## Skills Maintenance

## Writing Proportions

## Activity 1

Find the value of the variable in the proportions.

1. $\frac{4}{6}=\frac{x}{3} \quad x=$
2. $\frac{1}{a}=\frac{5}{30} \quad a=$ $\qquad$
3. $\frac{3}{4}=\frac{6}{z}$
$z=$ $\qquad$
4. $\frac{2}{3}=\frac{10}{y} \quad y=$ $\qquad$
5. $\frac{w}{3}=\frac{6}{9} \quad w=$
6. $\frac{3}{m}=\frac{15}{35} \quad m=$ $\qquad$

## Problem-Solving Activity

Proportions and Geometry
Circle the two similar shapes in each set of three shapes.

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## Problem-Solving Activity

Proportions and Geometry
Find the dimensions of the shapes. Write proportions that prove each pair of shapes is similar. Then tell what the scaling factor is.

## Problem 1



The dimensions of A are $\rightarrow$ base $\qquad$ height $\qquad$
The dimensions of $B$ are $\rightarrow$ base $\qquad$ height $\qquad$
Write a proportion about the dimensions of the two shapes that proves they are similar.
A
$\frac{\text { Base }}{\text { Height }}$ $\qquad$ $=$ $\qquad$ What is the scaling factor? $\qquad$

## Problem 2



The dimensions of C are $\rightarrow$ base $\qquad$ height $\qquad$
The dimensions of $D$ are $\rightarrow$ base $\qquad$ height $\qquad$
Write a proportion about the dimensions of the two shapes that proves they are similar.
C
D
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## Problem-Solving Activity

Using Proportions in Geometry
Now it is your turn to make similar shapes. Use the grid paper and draw the first shape, A. Draw a second shape, B, which is similar to A. Write the proportion. What is the scaling factor? Draw another shape, $C$, that is proportional to A. Write the proportion. What is the scaling factor you used for this shape?

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1. Write the proportion showing that Shapes $A$ and $B$ are similar.

Shape A Shape B
$\frac{\text { Base }}{\text { Height }}$ $\qquad$ What scaling factor did you use? $\qquad$
2. Write the proportion showing that Shapes $A$ and $C$ are similar.
Shape A Shape C
$\frac{\text { Base }}{\text { Height }}$ $\qquad$ What scaling factor did you use? $\qquad$

