

Study Guide and Intervention

Scale Drawings and Models

Scale drawings and scale models are used to represent objects that are too large or too small to be drawn or built at actual size. The scale gives the ratio that compares the measurements on the drawing or model to the measurements of the real object. The measurements on a drawing or model are proportional to the measurements of the actual object.

RACE CARS A model of a race car has a width of 3.5 inches. The scale is 1 inch = 2 feet. Find the actual width of the race car.

Let w represent the actual width.

Scale

Race Car

model width
$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3.5}{w} \leftarrow \text{model width}$$
actual width $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3.5}{w} \leftarrow \text{actual width}$

$$1 \times w = 2 \times 3.5$$
 Find the cross products.
 $w = 7$ Multiply.

The actual width of the race car is 7 feet.

EXAMPLE 2) HIKING On a map, the distance between Round Lake and June Lake is 6 inches. The scale on the map is 3 inches = 5 miles. Find the actual distance between the two lakes.

Let d represent the actual distance.

Map Scale

Actual Distance

map distance
$$\rightarrow \frac{3}{5} = \frac{6}{d} \leftarrow$$
 map distance actual distance \rightarrow

$$3 \times d = 5 \times 6$$
 Find the cross products.

Multiply.

$$3d = 30$$

$$\frac{3d}{3} = \frac{30}{3}$$
 Divide.

$$d = 10$$

The distance between the two lakes is 10 miles.

EXERCISES

DRAFTING For Exercises 1-4, use the following information.

On a set of drawings, the scale is 2 inch = 4 feet. Find the actual measurements.

	Object	Drawing	Actual Size
1.	door	4 inches	
2.	wall	6 inches	-
3.	tree	12 inches	
4.	computer	1 inch	

5. MAPS A map has a scale of 2 inches = 7 miles. The distance between Pirate's Cove and Midnight Lagoon on the map is 12 inches. What is the actual distance between the two places?

Lesson 10-3



Practice: Word Problems

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- 1. MAPS On a map with a scale of 1 inch = 9 miles, the distance between two towns is 3 inches. What is the actual distance between the two towns?
- 2. BLUEPRINTS On an architect's blueprint, the front of a building measures 27 inches. The scale of the bluepfint is 1 inch = 2 feet. How wide will the front of the actual building be?

- 3. MODELS The model of an airplane has a wingspan of 20 inches. The model has a scale of 1 inch = 4 feet. What is the wingspan of the actual airplane?
- 4. ARCHITECTURE The drawing for a building has a scale of 1 inch = 3 feet. The building in the drawing has a height of 14 inches. How tall will the actual building be?

- 5. ROCKETS A model of the Saturn V rocket has a scale of 1 inch = 12 feet. If the model rocket is 30 inches tall, how tall was the actual Saturn V rocket?
- 6. CARS Ron took a photograph of his car and then measured the length of the car in the photograph. The length was 4½ inches. If the scale of the photograph is 1 inch = 4 feet, how long is Ron's actual car?
- 7. MODELS A model of a 4-cylinder gasoline engine is built on a scale of 1 inch = 6 inches. If the length of the model engine is 9 inches, how long is the actual engine?
- 8. PHOTOGRAPHY A photo lab technician is going to reduce a photograph that is 9 inches wide using a scale of 1 inch = 2/3 inch. How wide will the reduced photo be?