

Ratios

Ask the children to collect together 6 items in the carriage on the desk in front of them.

Different numbers of two types of items:

For example: 2 rulers and 4 pencils or 2 pencils and 4 exercise books

For the items collected together, show the children how to work out the ratios.

There are 2 rulers and 4 pencils, therefore for every ruler, there are 2 pencils.

The ratio is therefore 2:1.

Ask the children to use their imagination and devise more real world examples.

This could be done in groups of two or alone. Get the groups to report back at the end of the exercise.

For example:

- A nurse to a doctor ratio at a hospital
- A boy and girl ratio at a school