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Step 2: Divide the top and bottom by the bottom number. 600 ÷ 12 / 12 ÷ 12 = 50/1

Step 3: Now that we have a part-to-one ratio we just need a label. 50 miles/1 hour

Step 4: Interpret what the ratio means. Toby drove approximately 50 miles per hour.

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1. It took 30 minutes for Melinda to run 4 miles.

7.5 minutes/ 1 mile; Melinda runs at a rate of 7.5 minutes per mile.

2. Ariel was able to read 15 pages in 12 minutes.

1.25 pages/1 minute; Ariel reads at a rate of 1.25 pages per minute.

3. Gurnaz drove 540 miles in 13.5 hours.

40 miles/ 1 hour; Gurnaz was driving at a rate of approximately 40 miles per hour.

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1.25 problems/1 minute; Hannah can complete about 1.25 problems per minute.

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Patty's rate: About 0.15 miles/1 minute Miguel's rate: About 0.14 miles/ 1 minute Patty is running farther per minute. Therefore, Patty is faster.

6. Sarah cleaned 18 dishes in 10 minutes. Sunil cleaned 30 dishes in 18 minutes.

Sarah's rate: 1.8 dishes/1 minute Sunil's rate: 1.67 dishes/ 1 minute. Sarah can clean more per minute. Therefore, Sarah is faster.