Writing and Simplifying Ratios

Three Ways to write a ratio: division sign, colon, or to. Simplify ratios the same way you simplify fraction.

Example: Write as a ratio and simplify. there are 20 quarters in \$5.00

Writing, 20/5, 20 : 5 or 20 to 5 Simplifying; 20/5 = 4/1

Write a ratio and simplify the following ratios:

- 1. 12 boys for every 18 girls
- 2. 24 for every 6 dollars
- 3. 72 hours for every 3 days
- 4. 18 drinks cost \$27
- 5. 7 inches is 175 miles
- 6. Express each ratio as a fraction.

a. 3 to 4 b. 8 to 5 c. 9:13 d. 15:7

- 7. Express each ratio in simplest form.
 - a. 12 to 10 b. 24:36 c. $\frac{15}{18}$
- **8.** A certain math test has 50 questions. The first 10 are true false and the rest are matching. Find:
 - a. The ratio of true-false questions to matching questions.
 - b. The ratio of true-false questions to the total number of questions.
 - c. The ratio of the total number of questions to matching questions.
- 9. Using the following pictograph:

a. The ratio of squares to circles.

- b. The ratio of triangles to all the figures.
- c. The ratio of squares and tringles to circles.
- d. The ratio of circles to squares