### Warm Up

Solve for *x*:

<sup>1.</sup> 
$$\frac{6x - 12}{3} = 108$$
 <sup>2.</sup>  $\frac{3}{x} = \frac{9}{21}$ 

# 3.1.2 - Similarity

Aim: How can I use equivalent ratios to find missing lengths of similar figures?

### **Corresponding Sides**

On graph paper, create a coordinate plane and plot the following points:

A = (0,0) B = (3,4) C = (3,0)

Connect your points to create triangle ABC

**Dilate** the figure from the origin by a scale factor of 2, forming triangle A'B'C'



Which side of  $\Delta A'B'C'$  corresponds to *CB*? Which side corresponds to *AB*?

What is the relationship of the corresponding sides? How could you get the lengths of  $\Delta A'B'C'$  from the lengths of  $\Delta ABC$ ?

Why does *A'B'* lie directly on *AB* and *A'C'* lie directly on *AC*, but *B'C'* does not lie directly on *BC*?

Could you get the side lengths of  $\Delta A'B'C'$  by adding the same amount to each side of  $\Delta ABC$ ? Try this and explain what happened.

If you were to dilate ABC to find A"B"C" and I told you the length of A"B" is 20 units long, how long would B"C" be?

#### **Similar Figures and Scale Factor**

**Similar figures** have the same shape but not necessarily the same size. Similar figures can be created by multiplying each of the side lengths by the **scale factor**.

The scale factor will be used to describe the **ratio** of the new figure to the original figure.

#### Ratio: A comparison of two quantities

a:b or  $\frac{a}{b}$  or "a to b"

What scale factor was used to enlarge the puppy to the right?

What would happen if we enlarged the puppy by a scale factor of 1?





## **Equal Ratios of Similarity**

Verify that the ratio of the heights is equal to the ratio of the widths for the figure to the right.

The sides that we are comparing are the **corresponding sides** of the figure - meaning they are the **sides in the same position for each figure.** 

In the figure to the right, solve for *x* to determine what value is needed for these two figures to be similar.

Ratio of similarity: The ratio between any pair of corresponding sides in similar figures



#### **Classwork, Recap and Homework**

Classwork: Purple book pg. 375-376 #1-20

**Ratio:** a:b or  $\frac{a}{b}$  or "a to b"

Corresponding Sides: Sides in the same position on similar figures

Ratio of Similarity: The ratio between any pair of corresponding sides in similar figures

Homework: On PupilPath and lightningmark.com