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Comparing Ratios Using Ratio Tables

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18	12
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Sugar (cups)	Water (cups)
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10	5
14	7
30	15

Write a sentence that compares the ratios of the number of cups of sugar to the number of cups of water in each table.

Explain how you determined your answer.

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a. Use the ratio tables below to determine who the faster swimmer is.

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Time (min)	3	5	12	17
Distance (meters)	75	125	300	425

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Distance (meters)	52	182	260	520

b. Explain the method that you used to determine your answer.

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The value of the ratio for the Spring Sugar Water is $\frac{1.5}{1}$, while the value of the ratio of the Fall Sugar Water is $\frac{2}{1}$. Therefore, the Fall Sugar Water Mixture has more sugar mixed in for every cup of water added to the mixture than the Spring Sugar Water Mixture.

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Spring: $\frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1.5}{1}$

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Eva is the faster swimmer because she swims 26 meters in 1 minute, which is faster than Sarah who swims 25 meters in 1 minute.

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Answers will vary. A person on Io will weigh more than a person on our moon.