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Example		
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4	11	
8	22	
16		
40	16	
	165	

Fill in the missing values in the tables below.

1.

	5
16	
20	25
36	
	60

2.

12	
36	78
60	
	143
	169

3.

7	
	12
35	15
42	
	30

4.

2	15
	30
8	
20	
	180

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Step 3:

If a value from the second column is missing, multiply the value in the first column by b/a. $8 \times 11/4 = 22$

Example		
A	В	
4	11	
8	22	
16		
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	165	

Fill in the missing values in the tables below.

1.

4	5
16	20
20	25
36	45
48	60

2.

12	26
36	78
60	130
66	143
78	169

3.

7	3
28	12
35	15
42	18
70	30

4

2	15
4	30
8	60
20	150
24	180

5. Describe the steps you used to find the values of the blanks in #4.

The value of the ratio in #4 is 2/15. So to find the values in the first column I multiplied $30 \times 2/15 = 4$ and $180 \times 2/15 = 24$. Then to find the values in the second column I used the value 15/2 and multiplied. $8 \times 15/2 = 60$ and $20 \times 15/2 = 150$.