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_____ rows of _____ equals _____

_____ x ____ = ____

2.



_____ rows of _____ equals _____

3.



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9 x 6

3 x 7

8 x 5

ANSWER KEY

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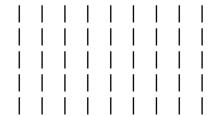
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4 rows of 8 equals 32

 $4 \times 8 = 32$

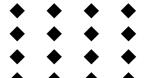
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5 rows of 9 equals 45

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4 rows of **4** equals **16**

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