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Downstream & Upstream:

→ In water, the direction along the stream is called downstream. And, the direction against the stream is called upstream.

→ If the speed of a boat in still water is u km/hr and the speed of the stream is v km/hr, then:

◆ Downstream Speed = $(u + v)$ km/hr.

◆ Upstream Speed = $(u - v)$ km/hr.

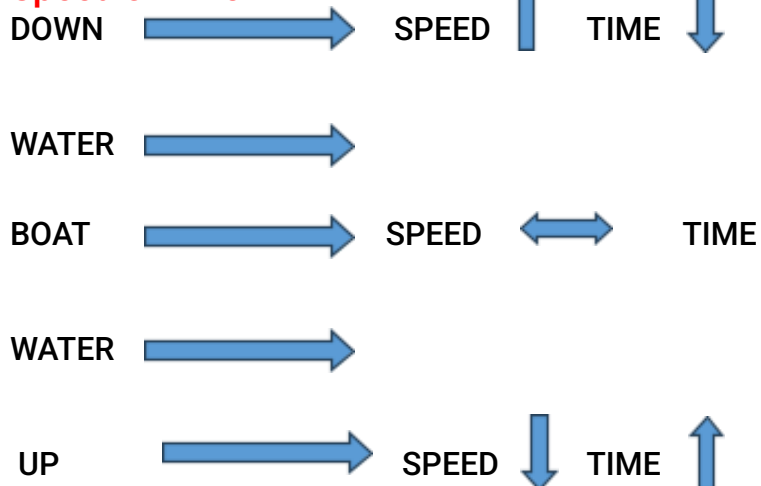
→ If the downstream speed is a km/hr and the upstream speed is b km/hr, then:

◆ Speed in still water, $u = (a + b)$ km/hr.

◆ Rate of stream, $v = (a - b)$ km/hr.

CONCEPTS

Speed & Time



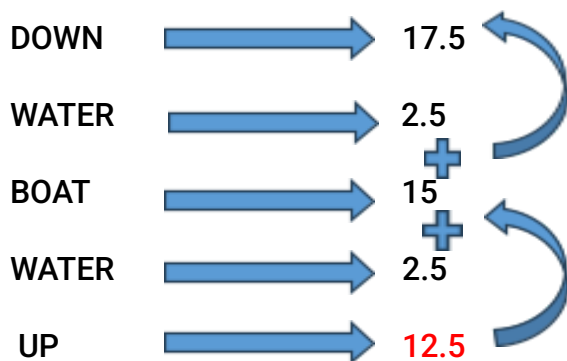


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1. A man's speed with the current is 15 km/hr and the speed of the current is 2.5 km/hr. The man's speed against the current is:
- 8.5 km/hr
 - 9 km/hr
 - 10 km/hr
 - 12.5 km/hr

Ans: c. 10km/hr

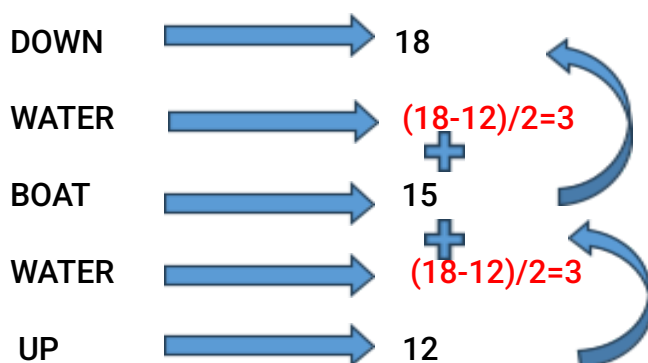
Explanation:



2. A man's speed with the downstream is 18 km/hr and the speed of the upstream is 12 km/hr. The speed of the current is:
- 1 km/hr
 - 5 km/hr
 - 3 km/hr
 - 2 km/hr

Ans: c. 3 km/hr

Explanation:



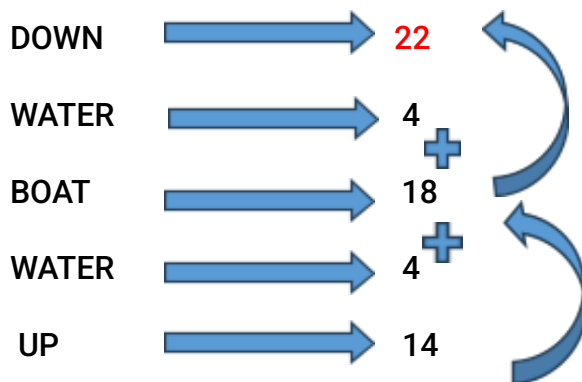


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3. A man's speed with the current is 18 km/hr and the speed of the current is 4 km/hr. The man's speed along the current is:
- 20 km/hr
 - 18 km/hr
 - 14 km/hr
 - 22 km/hr

Ans: d. 22km/hr

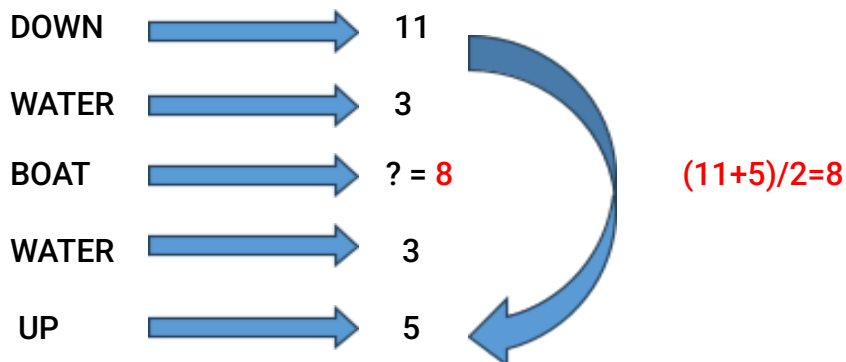
Explanation:



4. In one hour, a boat goes 11 km/hr along the stream and 5 km/hr against the stream. The speed of the boat in still water (in km/hr) is:
- 3 km/hr
 - 5 km/hr
 - 8 km/hr
 - 9 km/hr

Ans: c. 8 km/hr

Explanation:





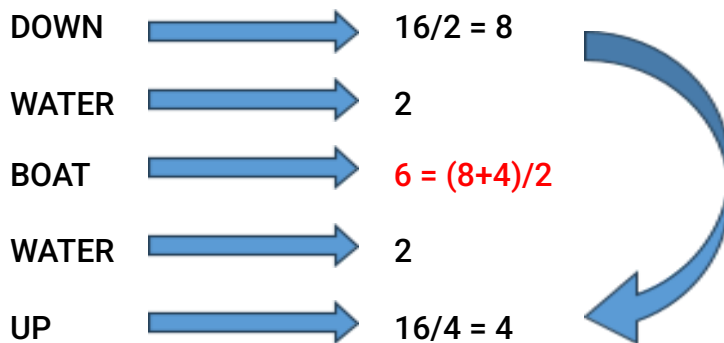
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5. A boat running downstream covers a distance of 16 km in 2 hours, while for covering the same distance upstream, it takes 4 hours. What is the speed of the boat in still water?

- 4 km/hr
- 6 km/hr
- 8 km/hr
- 9 km/hr

Ans: b. 6 km/hr

Explanation:

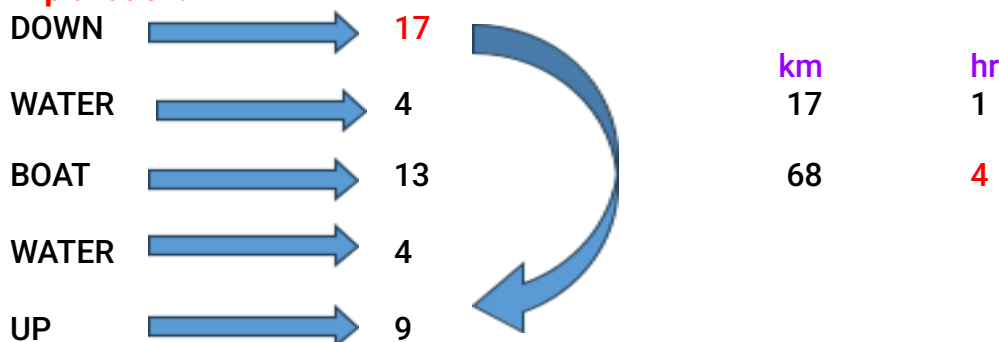


6. A boat can travel with a speed of 13 km/hr in still water. If the speed of the stream is 4 km/hr, find the time taken by the boat to go 68 km downstream.

- 2 hours
- 3 hours
- 4 hours
- 5 hours

Ans: c. 4 hours

Explanation:





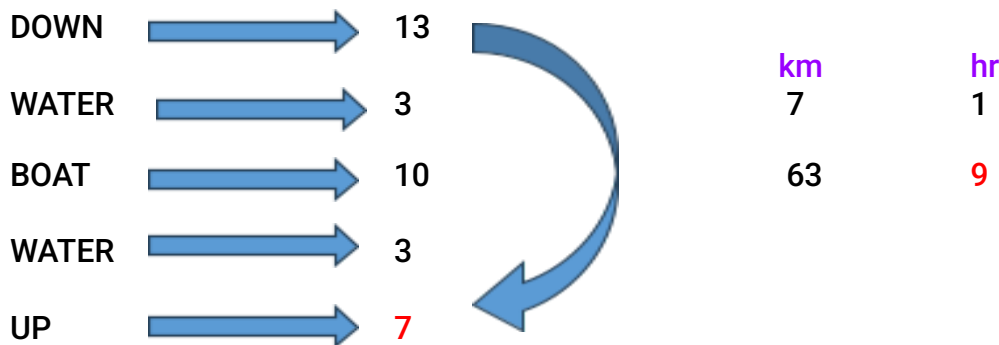
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7. A boat can travel with a speed of 10 km/hr in still water. If the speed of the stream is 3 km/hr, find the time taken by the boat to go 63 km upstream.

- 9 hours
- 8 hours
- 6 hours
- 7 hours

Ans: a. 9 hours

Explanation:

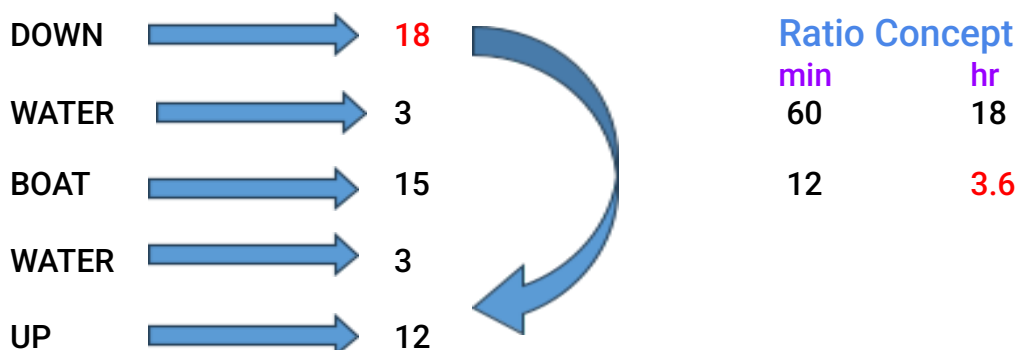


8. The speed of a boat in still water is 15 km/hr and the rate of current is 3 km/hr. The distance traveled downstream in 12 minutes is:

- 1.2 km
- 1.8 km
- 2.4 km
- 3.6 km

Ans: d. 3.6 km

Explanation:





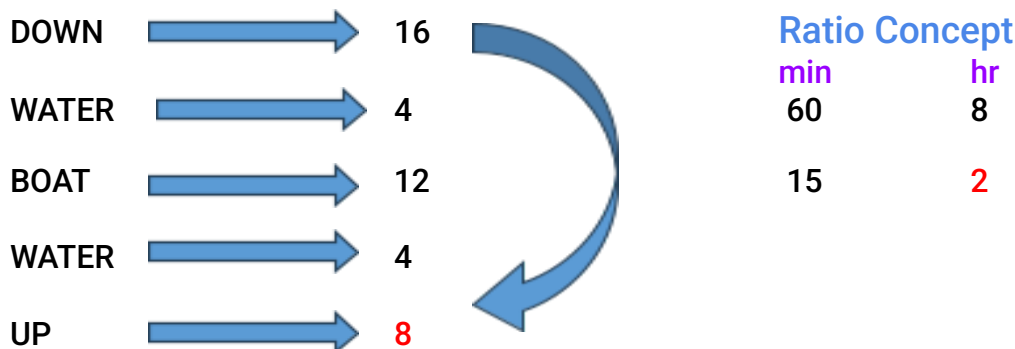
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9. The speed of a boat in still water is 12 km/hr and the rate of current is 4 km/hr.
The distance traveled upstream in 15 minutes is:

- 2 km
- 3 km
- 4 km
- 5 km

Ans: a. 2 km

Explanation:

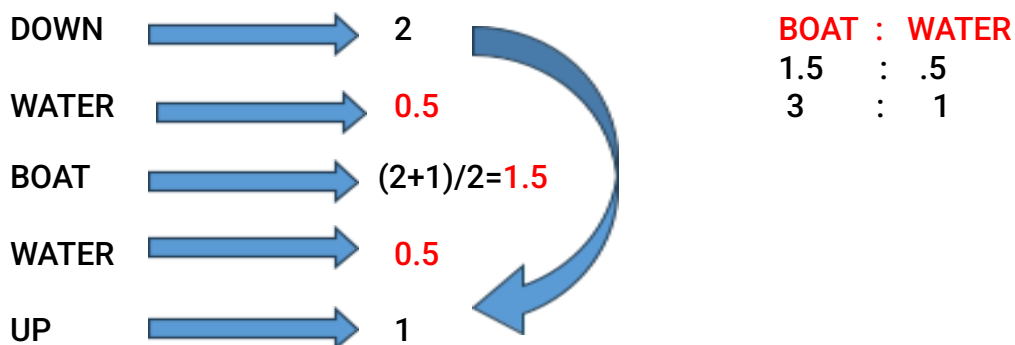


10. A man takes twice as long to row a distance against the stream as to row the same distance in favor of the stream. The ratio of the speed of the boat (in still water) and the stream is:

- 2: 1
- 3: 1
- 3: 2
- 4: 3

Ans: b. 3: 1

Explanation:





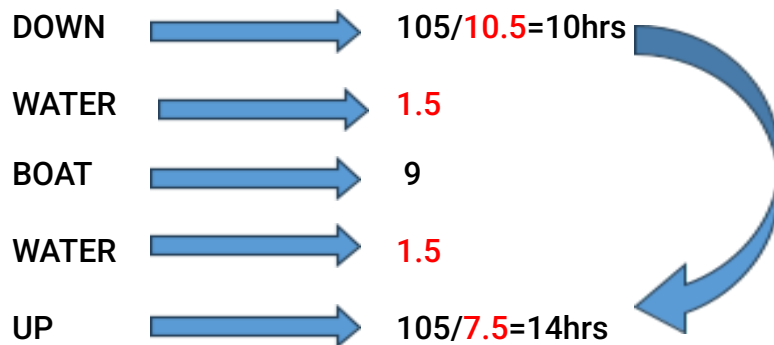
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11. Speed of a boat in still water is 9 kmph and the speed of the stream is 1.5 kmph. A man rows to a place at a distance of 105 km and comes back to the starting point. The total time taken by him is:

- a. 16 hours
- b. 18 hours
- c. 20 hours
- d. 24 hours

Ans: d. 24 hours

Explanation:



Total Time = 10+14 => 24hrs



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12. A boatman goes 2 km against the stream's current in 1 hour and 1 km along the current in 10 minutes. How long will it take to go 5 km in stationary water?
- 40 minutes
 - 1 hour
 - 1 hour 15 minutes
 - 1 hour 30 minutes

Ans: c. 1 hour 15 minutes

Explanation:

1 km along the current in 10 minutes.

km		min
1	→	10
6	→	60

DOWN	→	6		
WATER	→	2	km	hr
BOAT	→	4	4	1
WATER	→	2		
UP	→	2	5	1 hr 15 mins








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13. A man can row at 5 kmph in still water. If the velocity of the current is 1 kmph and it takes him 1 hour to row to a place and come back, how far is the place?

- a. 2.4 km
- b. 2.5 km
- c. 3 km
- d. 3.6 km

Ans: a. 2.4 km

Explanation:

DOWN  6
WATER  1
BOAT  5
WATER  1
UP  4



Ratio Concept

$$D (1/6 + 1/4) = 1$$

$$D = (2+3)/12$$

$$D = 2.4 \text{ Ans}$$



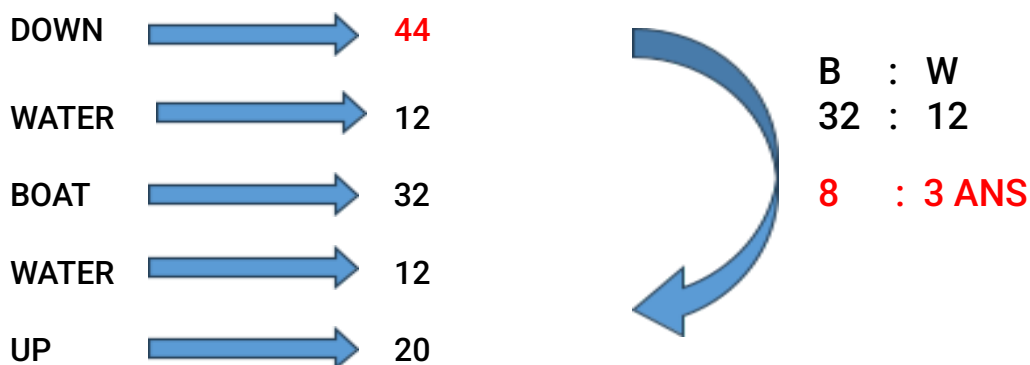
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14. A boat running upstream takes 8 hours 48 minutes to cover a certain distance, while it takes 4 hours to cover the same distance running downstream. What is the ratio between the speed of the boat and the speed of the water current respectively?

- a. 2: 1
- b. 3: 2
- c. 8 : 3
- d. 5: 4

Ans: c. 8: 3

Explanation:

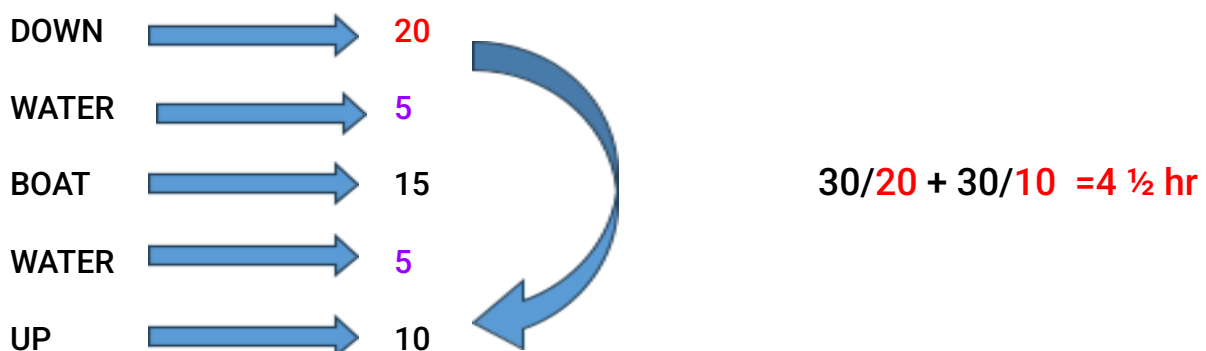


15. A motorboat, whose speed is 15 km/hr in still water, goes 30 km downstream and comes back in a total of 4 hours 30 minutes. The speed of the stream (in km/hr) is:

- a. 4
- b. 5
- c. 6
- d. 10

Ans: b. 5

Explanation:





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16. A man covers 32 km downstream and 36 km upstream in 7 hours. He covers 40 km downstream and 48 km upstream in 9 hours. What is the speed of the man in still water?

- a. 6 km/h
- b. 10 km/h
- c. 8 km/h
- d. 2 km/h

Ans: b. 10 km/h

Explanation:

$$32 / D + 36 / U = 7 \text{ -----(1)}$$

$$40 / D + 48 / U = 9 \text{ -----(2)}$$

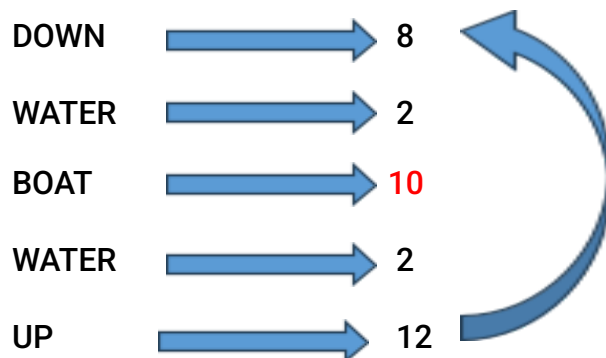
$$(32 / D + 36 / U) \times 4 = 10 \times 4$$

$$(40 / D + 48 / U) \times 3 = 7 \times 3$$

$$8/D = 1 \quad D=8 \text{ hr}$$

$$36/U = 3$$

$$U = 12 \text{ hr}$$





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17. A man can row three-quarters of a kilometre against the stream in $11\frac{1}{4}$ minutes and down the stream in $7\frac{1}{2}$ minutes. The speed (in km/hr) of the man in still water is:
- 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5

Ans: d. 5

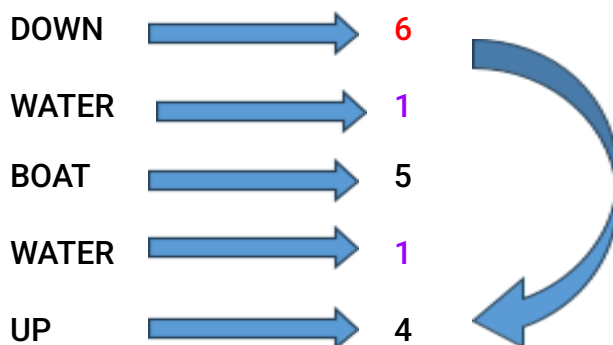
Explanation:

$$U S = (3/4) \text{ km} / (45/4 \times 60) \text{ hr}$$

$$= 3/4 \times 16/3 = 4 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$D S = (3/4) \text{ km} / (15/2 \times 60) \text{ hr}$$

$$= 3/4 \times 8 = 6 \text{ km/hr}$$





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18. A man rows to a place 48 km away and returns in 14 hours. He finds that he can row 4 km with the stream in the same time as 3 km against the stream. The rate of the stream is:

- a. 1 km/hr
- b. 1.5 km/hr
- c. 2 km/hr
- d. 2.5 km/hr

Ans: a. 1 km/hr

Explanation:

Suppose he moves 4 km downstream in x hours. Then,

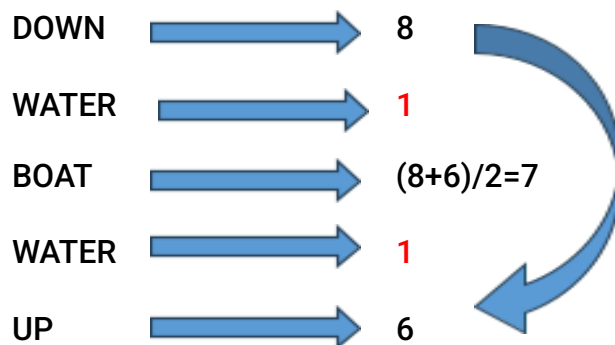
Speed DS = $4/x$

Speed US = $3/x$

$48x(1/4 + 1/3) = 14$

$x = 1/2$

So, Speed downstream = 8 km/hr, Speed upstream = 6 km/hr.





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19. A boat covers a certain distance downstream in 1 hour, while it comes back in $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour. If the speed of the stream is 3 kmph, what is the speed of the boat in still water?

- a. 12 kmph
- b. 13 kmph
- c. 14 kmph
- d. 15 kmph

Ans: d. 15 kmph

Explanation:

