

Introduction to Mathematics

Week 1 Review of Basic Arithmetic Operations & Algebra

Unit 1.3
 Percentages



Percentages

- The term per cent literally translates to per hundred.
- We can think of a single per cent as being the same as a ¹/₁₀₀th.
- Many other commonly used percentages can be thought of as simple fractions.



'Per-Centage' literally means 'per 100 pieces' of anything, which is one way of specifying the fraction of a complete whole.

Simply put, a percentage value is a fraction multiplied by 100.

A portion of the whole; a part.

A way of representing a fraction with the denominator of 100

$$\frac{15}{100} = 0.15$$

Equals a percentage of 15

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How to calculate Percentages?

- Let's say I have a basket of fruits. Out of a total of 20 fruits, 5 are apples, 10 are oranges and 5 are pineapples. Then the percentage of all three fruits in the basket is calculated in the following way.
 - First determine the 'part' and the 'whole'. Here the 'Whole' is the fruit basket containing 20 fruits and the parts are 5 apples, 10 oranges and 5 pineapples.
 - Secondly, you must determine the fraction of fruits in basket, that are apples, oranges and pineapples. That is, you must establish the fractions. Here the fractions are:
 - Fraction of the Apples in Basket = 5/20 = 1/4
 - Fraction of Oranges in Basket = 10/20 = 1/2
 - Fraction of Pineapples in Basket = 5/20 = 1/2

So, one can now say that one-fourth of the fruits are apples, half are oranges and another one-fourth are pineapples.

- Once the fraction has been established, calculating percentages is extremely simple.
- The percentage of apples in the basket is calculated using following formula.

Percentage (%) = (Part/Whole) x 100

Therefore, in the example presented above,

Percentage of Apples =
$$5/20 \times 100 = \frac{1}{4} \times 100 = 25\%$$

Percentage of Oranges =
$$10/20 \times 100 = 1/2 \times 100 = 50\%$$

Percentage of Pineapples =
$$5/20 \times 100 = \frac{1}{4} \times 100 = 25\%$$



Practice

- o 17% of 100
- o 20% of 80
- o 25% of 16
- o 50% of 18
- o 40% of 12
- o 35% of 20
- o 20% of 45
- o 25% of 36

- o 120% of 10
- o 150% of 18
- o 125% of 40
- o 700% of 2
- o 133% of 15
- o 12.5% of 72
- o 20% of 105
- o 120% of 105



Solutions

- o 17% of 100 o 17
- o 20% of 80 o 16
- o 25% of 16 o 4
- o 50% of 18 o 9
- o 40% of 12 o 4.8
- o 35% of 20 o 7
- o 20% of 45 o 9
- o 25% of 36 o 9

- o 120% of 10 o 12
- o 150% of 18 o 27
- o 125% of 40 o 50
- o 700% of 2 o 14
- o 133% of 15 o 19.95
- o 12.5% of 72 o 9
- o 20% of 105 o 21
- o 120% of 105 o 126



