

Math 114

Module 3



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# Let's Talk



Let's Talk is a drop-in service that provides easy access to informal, confidential consultations with counselors from Counseling & Psychological Services. Our counselors hold walk-in hours on campus during the week to listen to your

## "Let's Talk" Schedule

Let's Talk consultations are available on the days and times listed below:

### Virtual Meetings:

[Schedule Meeting](#)

### In Person: M-F

12:30pm – 2pm

Andrew Ashcroft or Louis Alvey

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# Individual Counseling



Plan for your first visit when you have approximately two hours for an appointment – the entire process may take this long depending on the number of students being served. To access services for the first time, a student should visit Counseling & Psychological Services during our walk-in hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Wednesday and Friday: 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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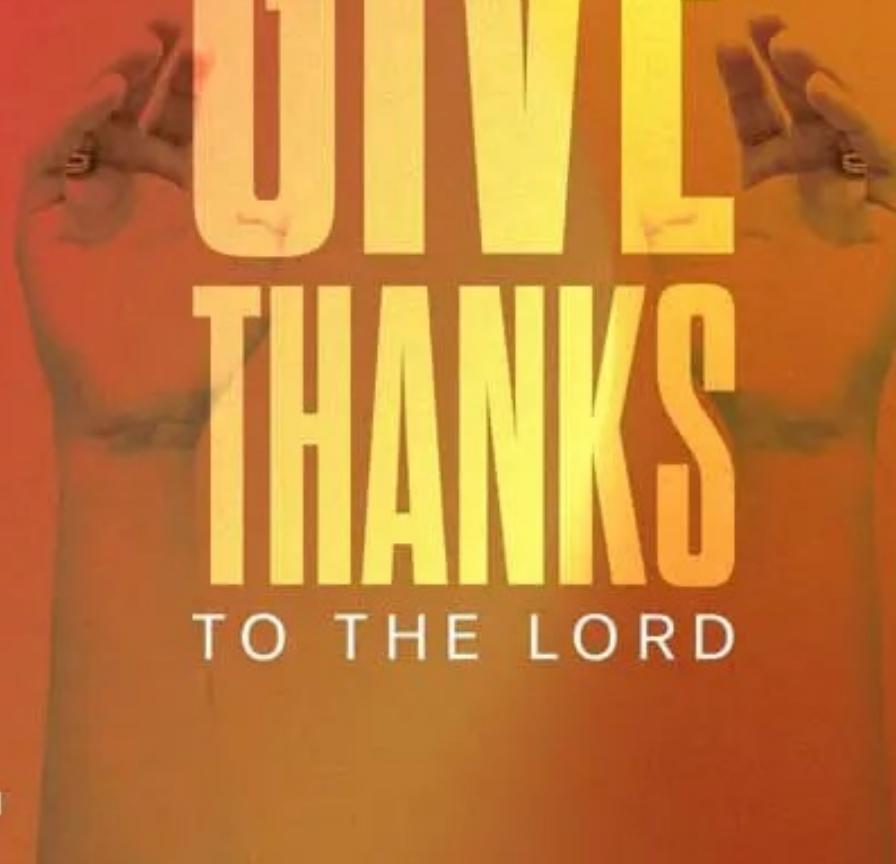
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CHEESEBURGER  
FRENCH FRIES  
MILK  
MILK SHAKE

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19¢

10¢

10¢

Chocolate

ROOT BEER  
ORANGEADE  
COCA COLA  
COFFEE

10¢

10¢

10¢

10¢

20¢

Strawberry Vanilla

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INSPECTED

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	1/2 POUNDER	.60	
	BIG MAC	.65	
FILET-O-FISH	.48	LARGE ONION FRIES	.46
CHEESEBURGER	.33	FRENCH FRIES	.26
HAMBURGER	.28	HOT APPLE PIE	.26
MILK	.20	COFFEE	.15
		HOT CHOCOLATE	.15
SHAKES	chocolate vanilla coffee		.35
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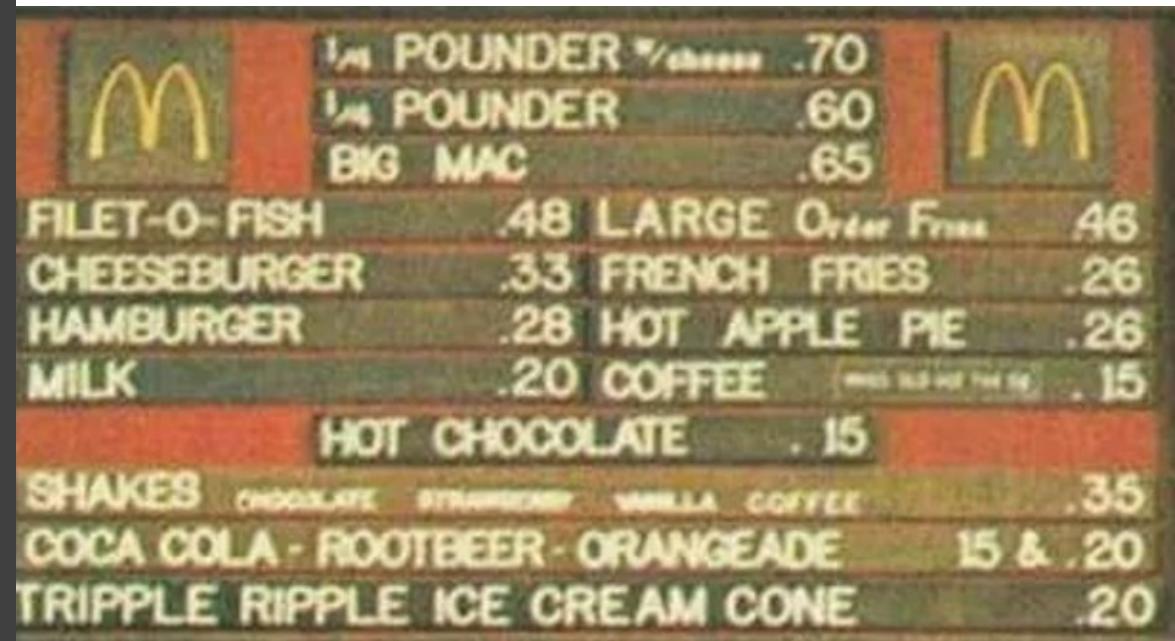


# **Percent Change**

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If the result is positive, it is an increase.

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How much did the items increase in price from 1955 and 1973 in absolute and relative terms?

*Absolute = difference*

*Relative = percent change*

# What to do in lecture?



**Show up**



**Take notes**

Key formulas

New words

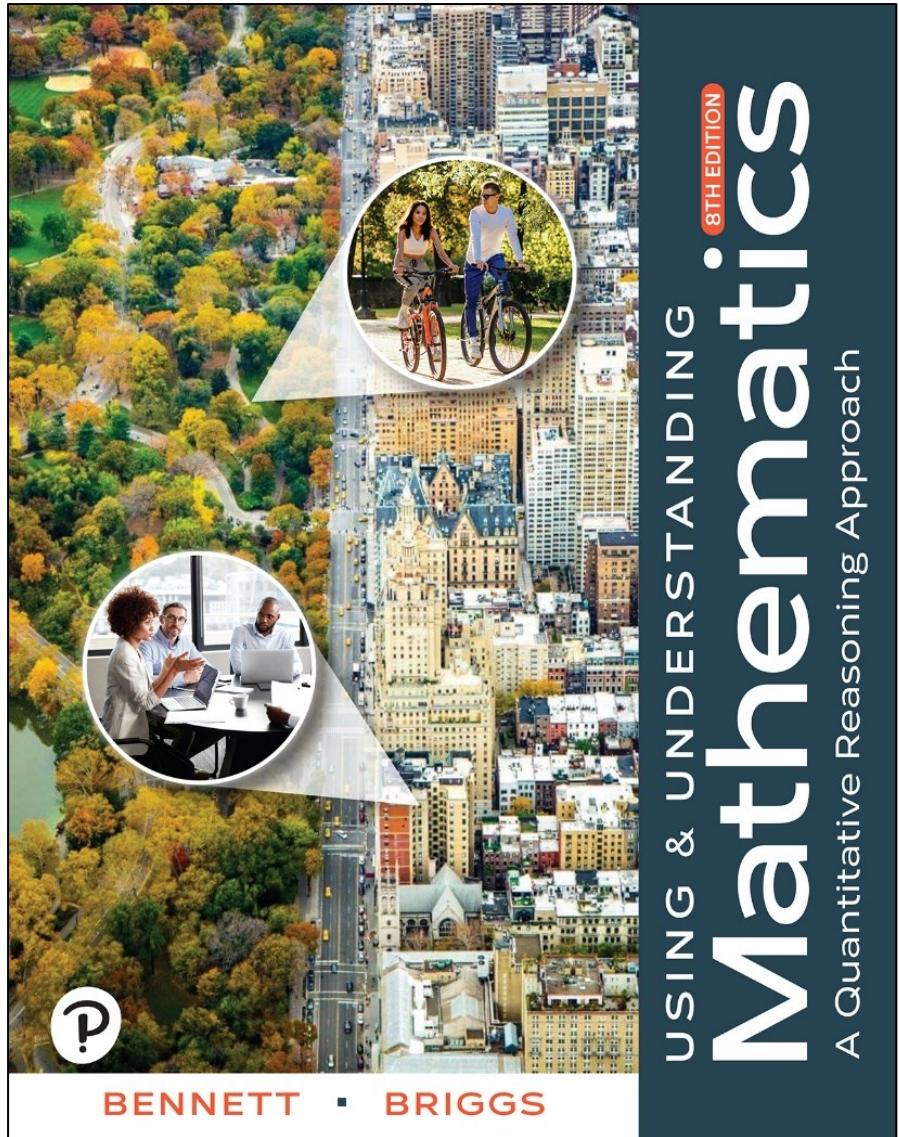
Hints and shortcuts



**Answer questions**



**Make Progress**



## This Week's Reading

### Chapter 3

(Sections A & B)

Percentages & Sci. Notation

# Homework 3: 20 Questions

Due Sunday  
11:59 pm

## Questions 1

- Decide if statements involving percentages make sense.

## Question 2-4

- Convert between fractions, decimals, and percentages.

## Questions 5 & 6

- Express ratios in direct form and in percentages.

## Questions 7

- Express fractions as percentages.

## Questions 8-11

- Solve percent increase and decrease problems.

## Questions 12

- Compare absolute and relative changes.

## Question 13

- Solve applications involving the uses and abuses of percentages.

## Question 14 & 15

- Decide if statements involving percentages make sense.

## Question 16

- Define and explain terms related to scientific notation, estimation, comparison, and scaling.

## Question 17 & 18

- Decide if statements containing numbers make sense.

## Questions 19

- Estimate quantities using scientific notation.

## Question 20

- Compare quantities to put numbers in perspective.

Due Monday  
11:59 pm

# Quiz 3: 10 Questions

Questions 1 & 2

- Solve percent increase and decrease problems.

Questions 3

- Decide if statements involving percentages make sense.

Question 4

- Convert between fractions, decimals, and percentages.

Questions 5

- Express ratios in direct form and in percentages.

Questions 6

- Express fractions as percentages.

Questions 7

- Compare absolute and relative changes.

Questions 8 & 9

- Estimate quantities using scientific notation.

Question 10

- Compare quantities to put numbers in perspective.

# Module 3: Learning Outcomes



Solve percent increase and decrease problems.



Convert between fractions, decimals, ratios, and percentages.



Compare absolute and relative changes.



Interpret numbers in percentages and scientific notation.

# Unit 3A



## Uses and Abuses of Percentages

# Three Ways of Using Percentages

- As fractions:

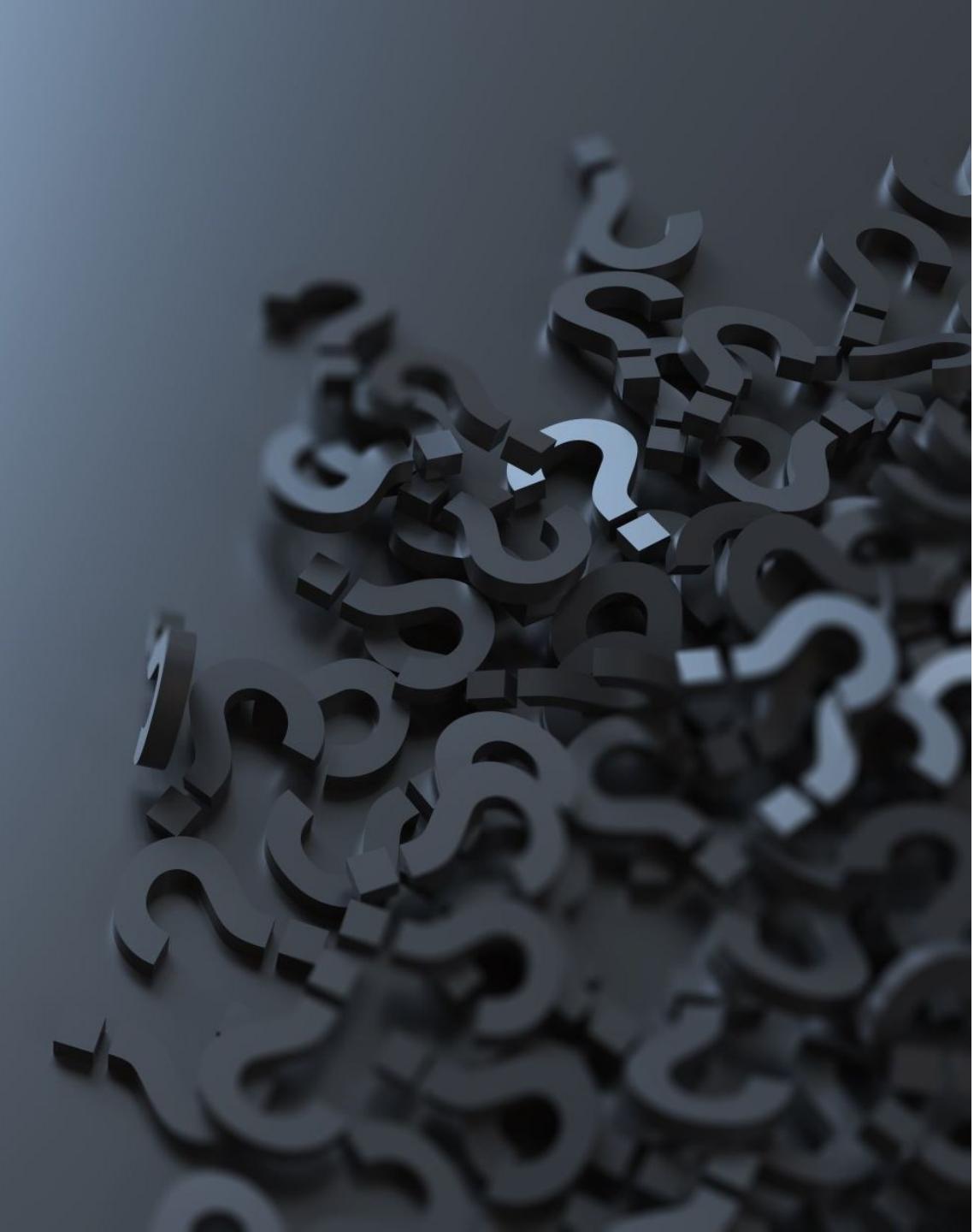
A total of 13,000 news room employees, 2.6% of the news room work force, lost their jobs.

- To describe change:

A company's stock fell 15% last week, to \$44.25.

- For comparisons:

The new battery lasts 175% longer than the older one, but costs 10% less.



# Example: Presidential Survey

An opinion poll finds that 35% of 1069 people surveyed said that the President is doing a good job. How many said the President is doing a good job?

## Solution

Because  $\%$  indicates multiplication, 35% of the 1069 respondents is

$$35\% \times 1069 = 0.35 \times 1069 = 374.15 \approx 374$$

About 374 people said the President is doing a good job. We rounded the answer to 374 to obtain a whole number of people.

# Absolute and Relative Change

- The **absolute change** describes the actual increase or decrease from a **reference value** (starting number) to a **new value**:

absolute change = new value – reference value

- The **relative change** is a fraction that describes the size of the absolute change in comparison to the **reference value**:

$$\text{relative change} = \frac{\text{new value} - \text{reference value}}{\text{reference value}} \times 100\%$$

# Example: Stock Price Rise

During a 6-month period, Lunar Industry's stock doubled in price from \$7 to \$14. What were the absolute and relative changes in the stock price?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{absolute change} &= \text{new value} - \text{reference value} \\ &= \$14 - \$7 = \$7\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{relative change} &= \frac{\text{new value} - \text{reference value}}{\text{reference value}} \times 100\% \\ &= \frac{\$14 - \$7}{\$7} \times 100\% = 100\%\end{aligned}$$



## Example: Depreciating a Computer (1 of 2)

You bought a new laptop computer three years ago for \$1000. Today, it is worth only \$300. Describe the absolute and relative change in the laptop's value.

**Solution** The reference value is the original price of \$1000, and the new value is its current worth of \$300. The absolute change in the computer's value is

$$\begin{aligned}\text{absolute change} &= \text{new value} - \text{reference value} \\ &= \$300 - \$1000 = -\$700\end{aligned}$$

## Example: Depreciating a Computer (2 of 2)

The negative sign tells us that the computer's current worth is \$700 *less than* the price you paid three years ago. The relative change is

$$\text{rel chg} = \frac{\text{new value} - \text{reference value}}{\text{reference value}} \times 100\%$$

$$= \frac{\$300 - \$1000}{\$1000} \times 100\% = -70\%$$

Again, the negative sign tells us that the laptop is now worth 70% *less than* it was three years ago.

# Absolute and Relative Difference

- The **absolute difference** is the actual difference between the compared value and the reference value:

absolute difference = compared value – reference value

- The **relative difference** describes the size of the absolute difference as a fraction of the reference value:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{relative difference} &= \frac{\text{absolute difference}}{\text{reference value}} \\ &= \frac{\text{compared value} - \text{reference value}}{\text{reference value}} \times 100\%\end{aligned}$$

## Example: Income Comparison (1 of 4)

Recent data showed that California ranked first among the 50 states in average income, at about \$68,900 per person, and West Virginia ranked last at \$46,600 per person.

- a. How much lower is average income in West Virginia than in California?
- b. How much higher is average income in California than in West Virginia?

Answer both questions in both absolute and relative terms.

## Example: Income Comparison (2 of 4)

### Solution

a. absolute difference = compared value – reference value  
= \$46,600 – \$68,900  
= -\$22,300

$$\begin{aligned}\text{rel diff} &= \frac{\text{compare value} - \text{reference value}}{\text{reference value}} \times 100\% \\ &= \frac{\$46,600 - \$68,900}{\$68,900} \times 100\% \\ &= -32.4\%\end{aligned}$$

## Example: Income Comparison (3 of 4)

The negative signs tell us that average income in West Virginia is *less than* that in California by \$22,300, or by about 32.4%.

b. This time West Virginia follows *than*, so we use the West Virginia income as the reference value and the California income as the compared value:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{absolute difference} &= \text{compared value} - \text{reference value} \\ &= \$68,900 - \$46,600 \\ &= \$22,300\end{aligned}$$

## Example: Income Comparison (4 of 4)

Relative difference:  $= \frac{\text{compare value} - \text{reference value}}{\text{reference value}} \times 100\%$

$$= \frac{\$68,900 - \$46,600}{\$46,600} \times 100\%$$

$\approx 47.9\%$

Average income in California is *more than* that in West Virginia by \$22,300, or by about 47.9%.

Now Hiring: \$20 starting pay with opportunities for up to 50% raise...



# Congrats you are hired at \$20 per hour!



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# Performance Review 1: Earned 50% raise!

$50\% \text{ of } \$20$   
 $0.50 * (\$20)$   
 $\$10 \text{ raise!}$

*Now making  $\$20 + \$10 = \$30$*



# Performance Review 2: Earned 50% decrease!



*50% of \$30  
0.50 \* (\$30)  
\$15 decrease!*

*Now making \$30 – \$15 = \$15*

# *Of* versus *More Than* (or *Less Than*)

- If the new or compared value is *P%* *more than* the reference value, it is  $(100 + P)\%$  *of* the reference value.
- If the new or compared value is *P%* *less than* the reference value, it is  $(100 - P)\%$  *of* the reference value.

# Example: Income Difference

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Jada earns 200% more than Reggie. What is Jada's income as a percentage *of Reggie's*? How many times as large as Reggie's income is Jada's?

## Solution

We use the rule that  $P\%$  *more than* means

$(100 + P)\%$  *of*. Because Jada's income is 200% more than Reggie's, we set  $P = 200$ .

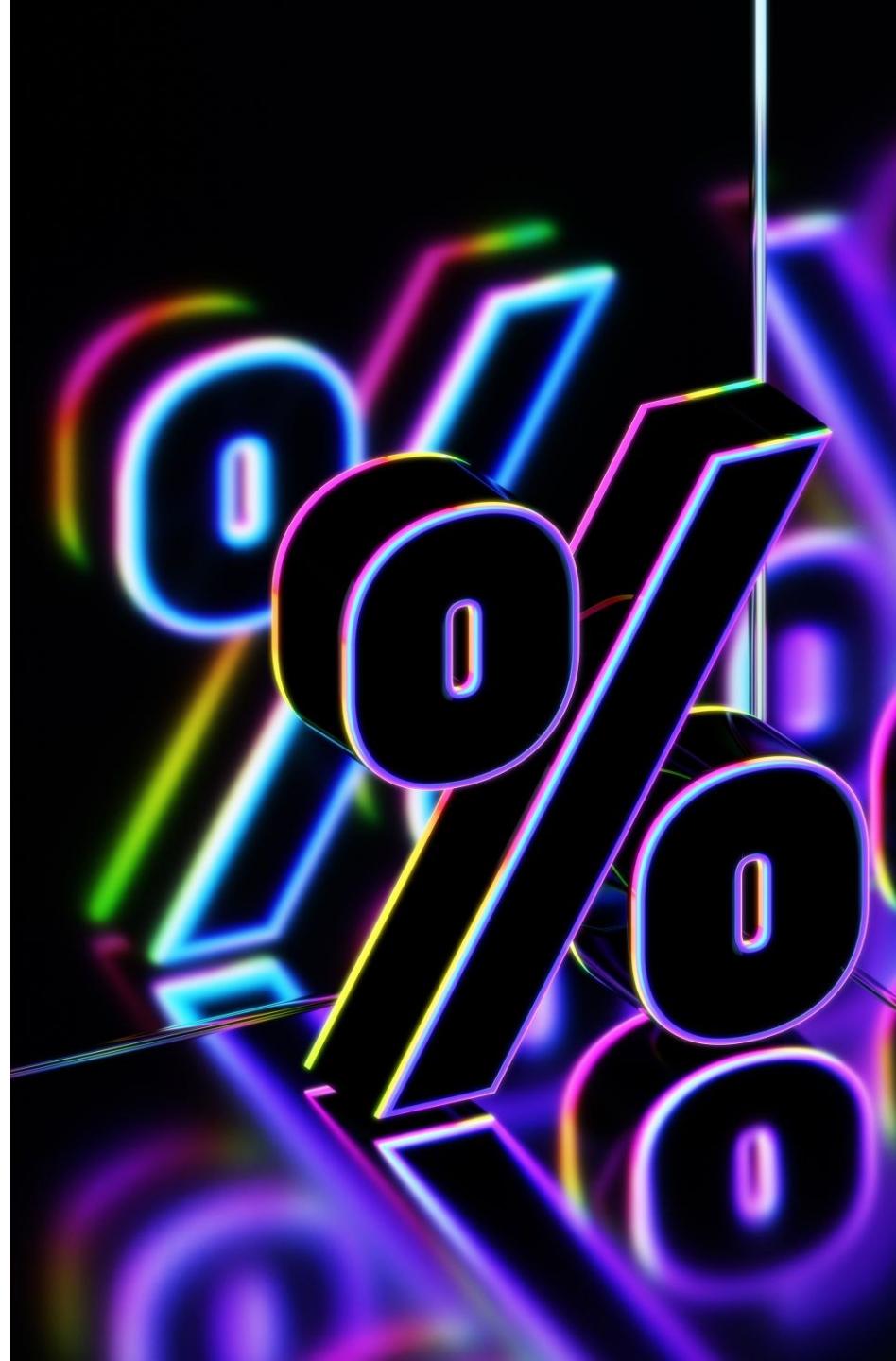
Therefore, Jada's income is  $(100 + 200)\% = 300\%$  of Reggie's income. Because  $300\% = 3$ , Jada earns 3 times as much as Reggie.

## Example: Sale!

A store is having a “25% off” sale. How does an item’s sale price compare to its original price?

### Solution

The “25% off” means that an item’s sale price is 25% *less than* its original price. The sale price is  $(100 - 25)\% = 75\%$  of the original price. For example, if the original price is \$100, the sale price is \$75.



# Percentages of Percentages

When a change or difference is expressed

- in percentage points, assume it is an absolute change or difference.
- with the % sign or the word *percent*, it is a relative change or difference.

Example: If a bank increases its interest rate from 3% to 4%, the interest rate increased by 1 percentage point.

$$\text{relative change} = \frac{4\% - 3\%}{3\%} \times 100\% = 33\%$$

# Solving Percentage Problems

- If the compared value is *P%* more than the reference value, then

$$\text{compared value} = (100 + P)\% \times \text{reference value}$$

and

$$\text{reference value} = \frac{\text{compared value}}{(100 + P)\%}$$

- If the compared value is *less than* the reference value, use  $(100 - P)$  instead of  $(100 + P)$  in the above calculations.

# Example: Tax Calculations

You purchase a shirt with a labeled (pre-tax) price of \$21. The local sales tax rate is 6%. What is your final cost (including tax)?

$$\text{final cost} = \text{labeled price} + (6\% \text{ of labeled price})$$

$$= (100 + 6)\% \times \text{labeled price}$$

$$= 106\% \times \$21 = 1.06 \times \$21 = \$22.26$$

# Abuses of Percentages

- Beware of Shifting Reference Values

A 10% pay cut is followed by a 10% pay raise.

- Less than Nothing

Decrease caloric intake by 150% to lose weight.

- Don't Average Percentages

If 70% of the boys and 60% of the girls in a class voted to go to a water park, then 65% of the students in the class voted to go to the water park.



## Example: Shifting Investment Value (1 of 2)

A stockbroker offers the following defense to angry investors: “I admit that the value of your investments fell 60% during my first year on the job. This year, however, their value has increased by 75%, so you are now 15% ahead!” Evaluate the stockbroker’s defense.

## Example: Shifting Investment Value (2 of 2)

**Solution** Imagine that you began with an investment of \$1000. During the first year, your investment lost 60% of its value, or \$600, leaving you with \$400. During the second year, your investment gained 75% of \$400, or  $0.75(\$400) = \$300$ . Therefore, at the end of the second year, your investment was worth

$\$400 + \$300 = \$700$ , which is still *less* than your original investment of \$1000 and certainly not a 15% gain overall. We can trace the problem with the stockbroker's defense to a shifting reference value: It was \$1000 for the first calculation and \$400 for the second.

# Example: Impossible Sale

A store advertises that it will take “150% off” the price of all merchandise. What should happen when you go to the checkout to buy a \$500 item?

## Solution

If the price were 100% off, the item would be free. So if the price is 150% off, the store should pay you half the item’s cost, or \$250. More likely, the store manager did not understand percentages.

## Example: Batting Average (1 of 3)



In baseball, a player's batting average represents the percentage of at-bats in which he got a hit. For example, a batting average of .350 means the player got a hit 35% of the times he batted.

Suppose a player had a batting average of .200 during the first half of the season and .400 during the second half of the season.

Can we conclude that his batting average for the entire season was .300 (the average of .200 and .400)? Why or why not?

Give an example that illustrates your reasoning.

# Example: Batting Average (2 of 3)

## Solution

No. For example, suppose the player had 300 at-bats during the first half of the season and 200 at-bats during the second half, for a total of 500 at-bats. His first-half batting average of .200 means he got hits in 20% of his 300 at-bats, or  $0.2 \times 300 = 60$  hits. His second-half batting average of .400 means he got hits in 40% of his 200 at-bats, or  $0.4 \times 200 = 80$  hits.

## Example: Batting Average (3 of 3)

For the season, he got a total of  $60 + 80 = 140$  hits in his 500 at-bats, so his season batting average was  $140/500 = 28\%$ , or .280—not the .300 found by averaging his first-half and second-half batting percentages. (In fact, the only case in which his season average would be .300 is if he had precisely the same number of at-bats in each half of the season.)



That's incorrect.

Correct answer:  $2.8 \times 10^7$

Your answer:  $2.8x10^7$

OK

A digital calculator interface. At the top, there is a red circular button with a white 'X' symbol. Below it is a numeric keypad with digits 0 through 9, a decimal point, and a negative sign. To the right of the keypad is a row of function keys: a square root symbol, a percentage symbol, a fraction symbol, a division symbol, a multiplication symbol, and a dot symbol. Further to the right is a 'More' button. The entire interface is set against a light gray background.

Estimate the following quantities without using a calculator. Then find a more precise result, using a calculator if necessary. Discuss whether the approximation technique worked.

- a.  $5.6 \text{ billion} \div 200$
- b.  $20 \text{ million} \div 110,000$
- c.  $7,000 \times 54,923$

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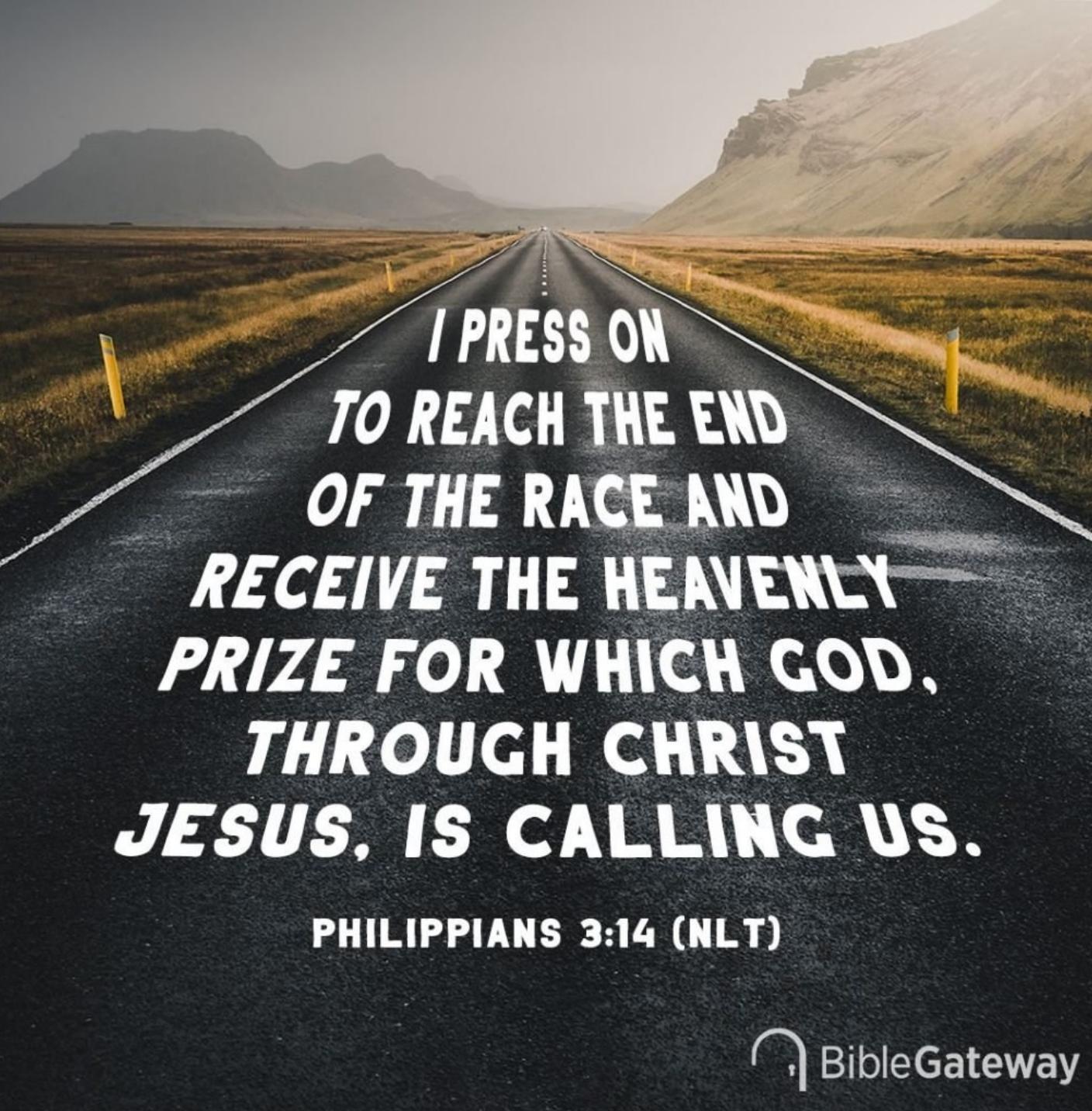


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TO REACH THE END  
OF THE RACE AND  
RECEIVE THE HEAVENLY  
PRIZE FOR WHICH GOD,  
THROUGH CHRIST  
JESUS, IS CALLING US.**

**PHILIPPIANS 3:14 (NLT)**

The background image is an aerial photograph of a tropical coastal scene. On the left, a dense forest of green trees and palm fronds covers a hillside. A narrow, light-colored path or road cuts through the vegetation. To the right, a sandy beach meets the ocean. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, with white, foamy waves breaking near the shore. The overall scene is lush and scenic.

# Unit 3B

Putting Numbers  
in Perspective



Join Sophia Payne and Scott Busby as they explore all kinds of issues that can cause university students to feel **overwhelmed**. This fall, Sophia and Scott will tackle the topic of **healthy community** in **season three** of the University Overwhelm podcast. If you could use some guidance and encouragement as you seek to establish a **sense of community** at Liberty University, you won't want to miss it! In the meantime, you can check out some of our previous episodes on **life skills** (season one) and **local church involvement** (season two) [here](#). A handful of our most popular episodes are linked below:

- [S1 EP19 How to Study Your Bible](#)
- [S2 EP13 Parachurch Ministries](#)
- [S1 EP9 Technology: Positives and Negatives](#)
- [S2 EP1 Faith in the College Years](#)
- [S1 EP11 Personality Tests](#)

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# Scientific Notation

**Scientific notation** is a format in which a number is expressed as a number *between* 1 and 10 multiplied by a power of 10.

## Examples:

6,700,000,000 in scientific notation is  $6.7 \times 10^9$

0.00000000000002 is  $2.0 \times 10^{-15}$

# Giving Meaning to Numbers

## *Perspective through estimation*

An **order of magnitude** estimate specifies a broad range of values, usually within one or two powers of ten, such as “in the ten thousands” or “in the millions.”.

# Example: Order of Magnitude of Ice Cream Spending

Is the total annual ice cream spending in the United States measured in thousands of dollars, millions of dollars, or billions of dollars?

"Reasonably guess that an average person has something like 50 servings of ice cream per year."

$$\text{spending} = 50 \frac{\text{servings}}{\text{person} \times \text{yr}} \times \frac{\$1}{\text{serving}} \times (3 \times 10^8) \text{ people}$$

$$= \frac{1.5 \times 10^{10}}{1 \text{ yr}} \approx \$15 \text{ billion per year}$$

# Giving Meaning to Numbers

*Perspective through comparisons*

**TABLE 3.1** → Selected Energy Comparisons

Item	Energy (joules)
Energy released by metabolism of 1 average candy bar	$1 \times 10^6$
Energy needed for 1 hour of running (adult)	$4 \times 10^6$
Energy released by burning 1 liter of oil	$3.4 \times 10^7$
Electrical energy used in an average home daily	$5 \times 10^7$
Energy released by burning 1 kilogram of coal	$1.6 \times 10^9$
Energy released by fission of 1 kilogram of uranium-235	$5.6 \times 10^{13}$
Energy released by fusion of hydrogen in 1 liter of water	$6.9 \times 10^{13}$
U.S. annual energy consumption	$1.0 \times 10^{20}$
World annual energy consumption	$6.3 \times 10^{20}$
Annual energy generation of Sun	$1 \times 10^{34}$

# Example: U.S. vs. World Energy Consumption (1 of 2)

Compare the U.S. population to the world population and U.S. energy consumption to world energy consumption. What does this tell you about energy usage by Americans?

## Solution

World population = 8 billion ( $8 \times 10^9$ )

U.S. population = 300 million ( $3 \times 10^8$ ).

$$\frac{US}{\text{world}} \approx \frac{3 \times 10^8}{8 \times 10^9} = \frac{3}{8} \times 10^{-1} \approx 0.0375 = 3.75\%$$

## Example: U.S. vs. World Energy Consumption (2 of 2)

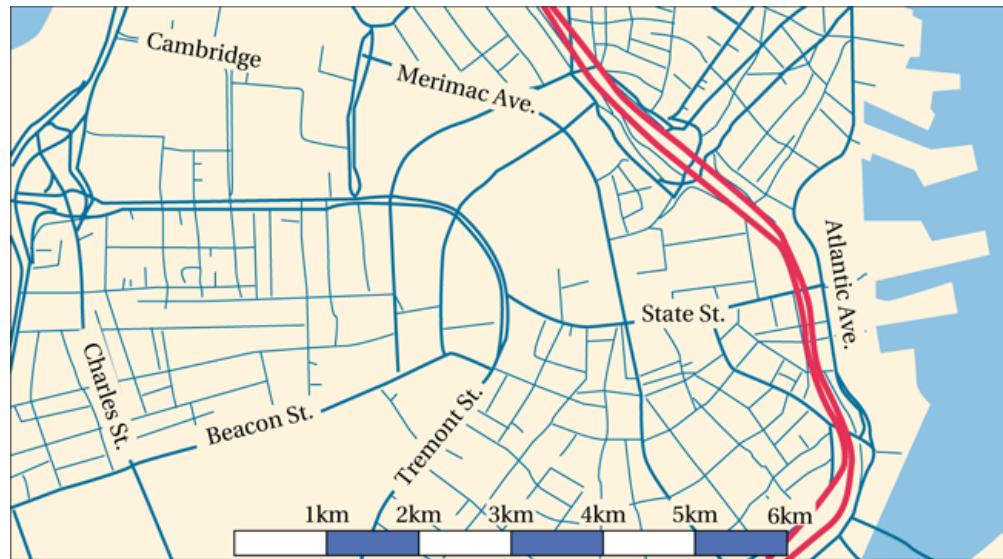
The U.S. population is only about 4% of the world's population but, as shown in Table 3.1, the United States uses about 1/6.3, or about 16%, of the world's energy. That is, Americans use more than four times as much energy per person as the world average.

# Giving Meaning to Numbers

*Perspective through scaling*

Verbally: “1 cm = 1 km”

Graphically:



As a ratio: 1 cm = 1 km means a scale ratio of  
1 to 100,000



That's incorrect.

Correct answer:  $2.8 \times 10^7$

Your answer:  $2.8x10^7$

OK

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Complete the following sentence.

As of 2020, the life expectancy (at birth) of women in a particular country (79.7 years) is \_\_\_\_\_ percent greater than the life expectancy of men in that same country (74.3 years).

...

As of 2020, the life expectancy (at birth) of women in a particular country (79.7 years) is 7.2 percent greater than the life expectancy of men in that same country (74.3 years).  
(Round the final answer to one decimal place as needed. Round all intermediate values to three decimal places as needed.)

$$\frac{79.7 - 74.3}{74.3} = 0.07267833109 \quad \text{ANS}$$

$$\text{round}\left(0.07267833109, 3\right) = 0.073 \quad \text{ANS}$$

$$0.073 \cdot 100 = 7.3 \quad \text{ANS}$$

Compare A and B in three ways, where A = 1.6 million is the 2012 population of city X and B = 2.3 million is the 2012 population of city Y.

- a. Find the ratio of A to B.
- b. Find the ratio of B to A.
- c. Complete the sentence: A is \_\_\_\_ percent of B.

a)  $\frac{A}{B}$

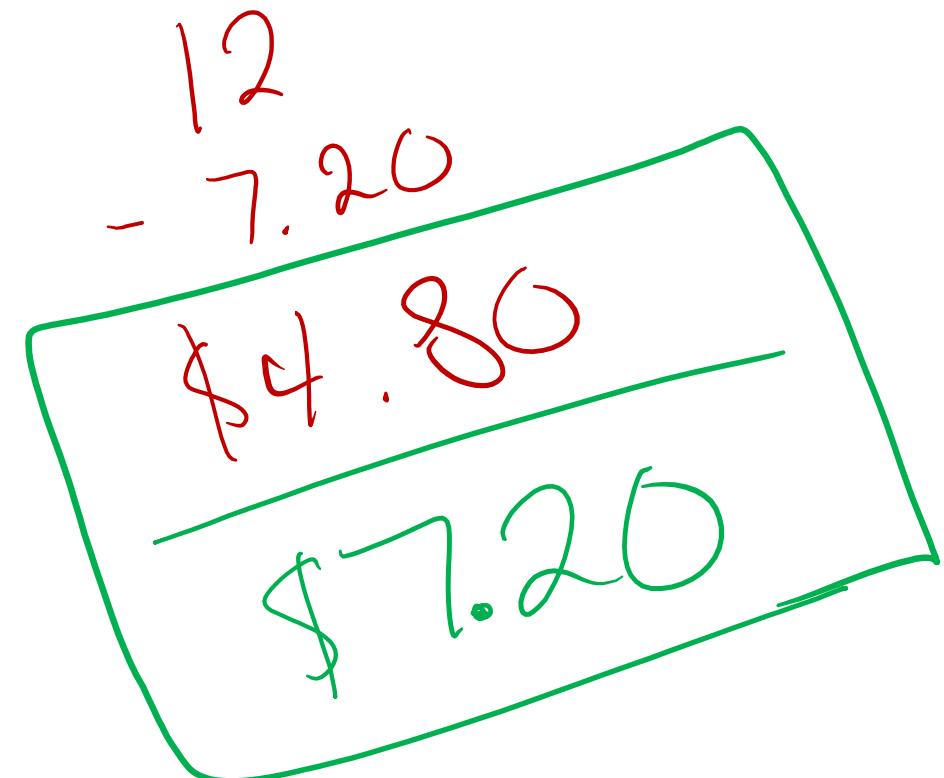
$$= \frac{1.6 \text{ mil}}{2.3 \text{ mil}}$$

b)  $\frac{2.3}{1.6}$

Convert to a  
Percent  
Get Decimal  $\times 100$



The price of oil recently went from \$7.20 to \$12.00 per case of 12 quarts. Find the ratio of the increase in price to the original price.



Write as decimal rounded to the nearest thousandth.

$$\frac{17}{48}$$

0.354

1000



Express as a percentage.

$$0.90 \times 100\%$$

90%

Express as a reduced fraction.

$$\frac{90}{100}$$

$\frac{9}{10}$



Compare A and B in three ways, where A=90.4% is the 2021 high school graduation rate in State X and B= 85.7% is the 2021 high school graduation rate in State Y.

a. Find the ratio of A to B.

$$\frac{90.4}{85.7} = 1.05$$

b. Find the ratio of B to A.

$$\frac{85.7}{90.4} = 0.95$$

c. Complete the sentence: A is 105  
percent of B.



In the following statement, express the first number as a percentage of the second number.

The full-time year-round median salary for workers in a certain country was \$33,784 in 2000, compared to \$47,724 in 2020.

$$\frac{33,784}{47,724} = 708 \times 100$$
$$70.8\%$$

$$\frac{33,784}{47,724} = 708 \times 100$$
$$70.8\%$$

Write the number in ordinary notation.

$$8 \times 10^{-6}$$

.000008



Write the number in scientific notation.

0.000000841

8.41 × 10<sup>-7</sup>



Determine whether the claim makes sense.

“A popular local restaurant serves  
5 million diners each year.”

$$\frac{5\,000\,000}{365}$$

over 10,600

False





# Example: Earth and Sun (1 of 4)

The distance from the Earth to the Sun is about 150 million kilometers. The diameter of the Sun is about 1.4 million kilometers, and the equatorial diameter of the Earth is about 12,760 kilometers. Put these numbers in perspective by using a scale model of the solar system with a 1 to 10 billion scale.

## Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\text{scaled Earth-Sun distance} &= \frac{\text{actual distance}}{10^{10}} \\ &= \frac{1.5 \times 10^8}{10^{10}}\end{aligned}$$

## Example: Earth and Sun (2 of 4)

$$= \frac{1.5 \times 10^8}{10^{10}}$$

$$= 1.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ km} \times 10^3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{km}} = 15 \text{ m}$$

Note that, in the last step, we converted the distance from kilometers to meters because it is easier to understand “15 meters” than “0.015 kilometer.” We find the scaled Sun and Earth diameters similarly, this time converting the units to centimeters and millimeters, respectively:

## Example: Earth and Sun (3 of 4)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{scale Sun diameter} &= \frac{\text{actual Sun diameter}}{10^{10}} \\ &= \frac{1.4 \times 10^6 \text{ km}}{10^{10}} \\ &= 1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ km} \times 10^5 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{km}} = 14 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

## Example: Earth and Sun (4 of 4)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{scale Earth diameter} &= \frac{\text{actual Earth diameter}}{10^{10}} \\ &= \frac{1.276 \times 10^4 \text{ km}}{10^{10}} \\ &= 1.276 \times 10^{-6} \text{ km} \times 10^6 \frac{\text{mm}}{\text{km}} = 1.276 \text{ mm}\end{aligned}$$

The model Sun, at 14 centimeters in diameter, is roughly the size of a grapefruit. The model Earth, at about 1.3 millimeters in diameter, is about the size of the ball point in a pen, and the distance between them is 15 meters.

# FRIDAY WEEK THREE

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Spring 2025

Decide whether the following statement makes sense (or is clearly true) or does not make sense (or is clearly false). Explain your reasoning.

I've seen about  $10^{50}$  commercials on TV.

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The statement  make sense. Put the number in perspective by thinking in terms of time. A TV commercial is about 1 minute long, so it would take  $10^{50}$  minutes to watch  $10^{50}$  commercials.

$$10^{50} \text{ min} \times \left( \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} \right) \times \left( \frac{1 \text{ day}}{24 \text{ hr}} \right) \times \left( \frac{1 \text{ yr}}{365 \text{ days}} \right) \approx \boxed{\quad} \text{ yr}$$

(Type your answer in scientific notation, using the appropriate symbol from the math palette for any multiplication. Round to one decimal place as needed.)

# Case Study: What is a Billion Dollars? (1 of 3)

One way to put \$1 billion in perspective is to ask a question like “How many people can you employ with \$1 billion per year?” Let’s suppose that employees receive a fairly high average salary of \$100,000 and that it costs a business an additional \$100,000 per year in overhead for each employee (costs for office space, computer services, health insurance, and other benefits). The total cost of an employee is therefore \$200,000, so \$1 billion would allow a business to hire

## Case Study: What is a Billion Dollars? (2 of 3)

$$\frac{\$1 \text{ billion}}{\$200,000 \text{ per employee}} = \frac{\$10^9}{\$2 \times 10^5 / \text{ employee}} = 5 \times 10^3$$

One billion dollars per year could support a work force of some 5000 employees.

# Case Study: What is a Billion Dollars? (3 of 3)

Another way to put \$1 billion in perspective also points out how different numbers can be, even when they sound similar (like million, billion, and trillion). Suppose you become a sports star and earn a salary of \$1 million per year. How long would it take you to earn a billion dollars? We simply divide \$1 billion by your salary of \$1 million/year:

$$\frac{\$1 \text{ billion}}{\$1 \text{ million/ yr}} = \frac{\$10^9}{\$10^6 / \text{yr}} = 10^3 \text{ yr} = 1000 \text{ yr}$$

Even at a salary of \$1 million per year, earning a billion dollars would take a thousand years.

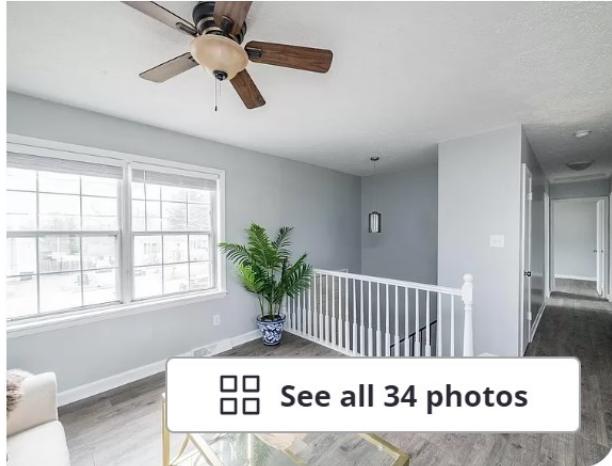
The national debt was about \$6.9 trillion at the end of 2003. Assuming the U.S. population was 280 million, express this quantity as the number of dollars per person.

$$\frac{\text{dollars}}{\text{people}} = \frac{\$6900000000000}{280000000 \text{ people}} = \frac{\$24642.86}{1 \text{ person}}$$



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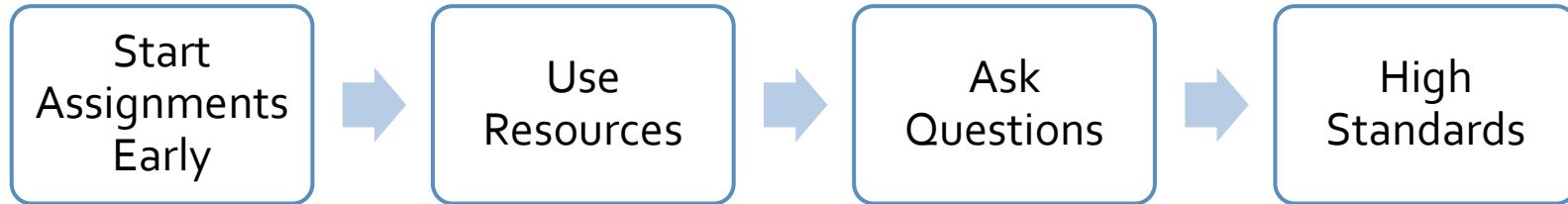
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*What if you switch it to 15 years?*

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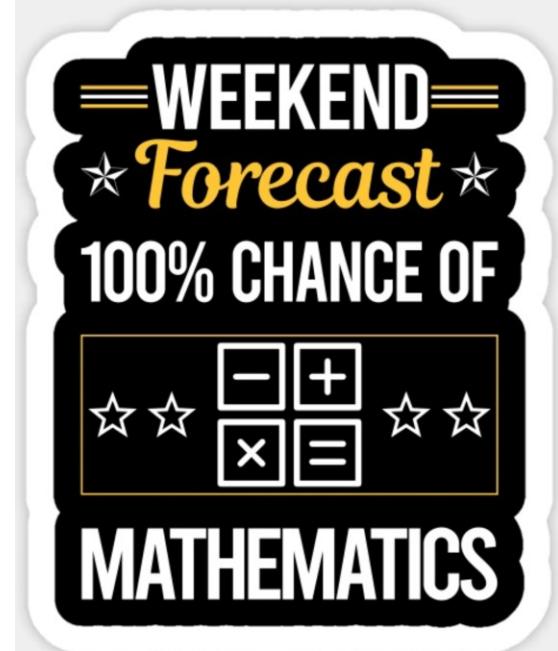
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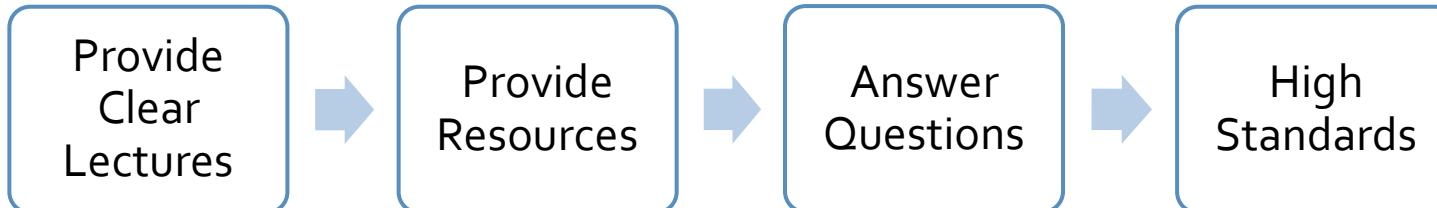


Help me solve this

Ask my instructor



# The Responsive Professor



## **Antoine Bradford**

Friday, January 31, 2025 | 8:00 pm | LaHaye Event Space

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WOMENS-D2-HOCKEY

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9 Events •

WOMENS-D2-HOCKEY

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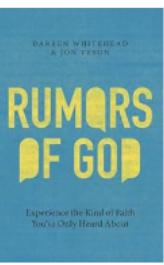
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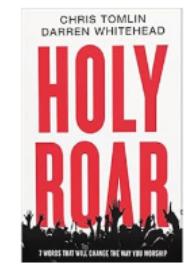
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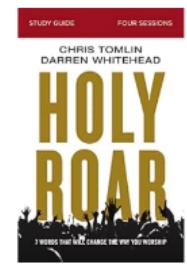
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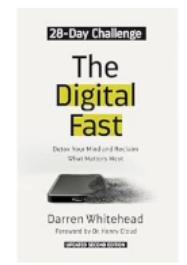
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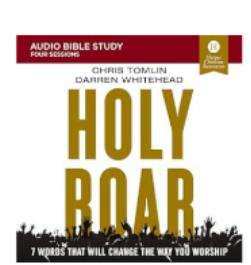
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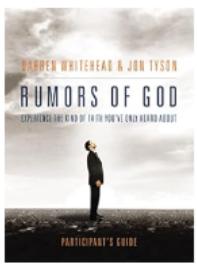
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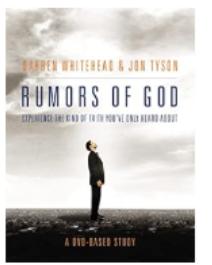
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