

Input Percentage calculation:

Percentage calculation explained simply

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You can use the percentage value W and the percentage p % to calculate the basic value G:

You calculate the basic value G by multiplying the percentage W by 100 and then dividing by the percentage p.

Example: You know that 40 % of the pupils in a class are girls. That is 12 people. How many pupils are there in the class in total?

1 Find out what the numbers in the percentages mean:

- 40 % is the percentage. You can recognise this by the percent sign.
- 12 is the percentage because the 12 people are only part of the class and not the whole class.
- You are therefore looking for the basic value

2. insert the numbers into the formula:

3. do the maths:

The class therefore consists of 30 pupils in total.

Tip: You can also divide the percentage value W directly by the percentage $p\%$ to find the basic value. For example: .