

4- Understanding Percents

4.3 Percent of a Number

*To calculate the percent of a number, write the percent as a decimal and then multiply by the number.

Example: 12% of 50

% → dec
÷ 100

$$12\% \div 100 = 0.12$$

$$0.12 \times 50 = 6$$

What are two examples of when you'd need to find a percent of a number?

Hint: shopping, restaurants

1. percentage discounts...
i.e. 30% off how much you save!
2. Tipping- 15% is how much of your bill?

Determine the percent of each number:

a) 35% of 15
 $35\% \div 100 = 0.35$

$$0.35 \times 15 = 5.25$$

b) 230% of 35
 $230\% \div 100 = 2.30$

$$2.30 \times 35 = 80.5$$

c) 0.1% of 5000
 $0.1\% \div 100 = 0.001$

$$0.001 \times 5000 = 5$$

d) $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ of 20 000
 $2.5 \div 100 = 0.025$

$$0.025 \times 20000 = 500$$

A survey showed that $\frac{1}{4}\%$ of 800 students use inline skates to get to school. How many of the 800 students use inline skate to get to school?

$$\frac{1}{4}\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \div 4 &= 0.25\% \div 100 \\ &= 0.0025 \end{aligned}$$

$$0.0025 \times 800 = 2$$

Two people inline skate to school.

2) $30\frac{3}{4}\%$ of 400 students surveyed said they own a cell phone. How many of the students own a cell phone?

$30\frac{3}{4}\% \leftarrow \text{change to decimal\%}$
 $3 \div 4 = 0.75$

$30.75\% \div 100$

0.3075

0.3075×400
 $= 123$

123 students have cellphones.

Adele invested \$40.12 in a savings plan at the beginning of the year. By the end of the year her investment was worth 120% of its original value. How much was her investment worth, to the nearest cent?

$120\% \div 100$

1.20

$\hookrightarrow 1.20 \times \40.12
 $= 48.144$

Her final investment is worth \$48.14 after 1 year.

Determine the percent of each number:

a) 160% of \$53.27

$160\% \div 100$
 $= 1.60$
 1.60×53.27
 $= 85.232$
 $= \$85.23$

b) $\frac{3}{4}\%$ of 135

$3 \div 4 = 0.75\%$
 $= 0.75\% \div 100$
 $= 0.0075$
 0.0075×135
 $= 1.0125$

c) $55\frac{5}{8}\%$ of 500

$5 \div 8 = 0.625$
 $55.625\% \div 100$
 $= 0.55625$
 0.55625×500
 $= 278.125$