

Percentage Practice

To find the percent of a number, change the percent to a decimal and multiply.

Example: What is 30% of 50? Convert the percentage to a decimal by moving the decimal point two places to the left and remove the percent sign: $30\% = .30$ You then multiply $.30 \times 50$ to find the percent: $.30 \times 50 = 15$ 15 is 30% of 50.

Use the same method to solve the word problems below.

1. The Sweater Shack is offering a 20% discount on sweaters. If the regular price of a sweater is \$15.00, what is the discount? _____ Subtract the discount you found from the regular price to find the sale price. _____
2. There are 30 students in Mrs. Jones class. Twenty percent of the students received an A on the last math test. How many students received an A? _____
3. Your parents took your family out to dinner. Your parents wanted to give the waiter a 15% tip. If the total amount of the dinner was \$42.00, what should be paid to the waiter as a tip? _____
4. Jean Junction is selling jeans at 15% off the regular price. The regular price is \$25.00 per pair. What is the discount? _____
5. Jeans Plus has a sign that says if you buy 3 pairs of jeans, you get \$10.00 off the total regular price. The regular price is \$25.00 per pair. Would you save more money shopping at Jean Junction or Jeans Plus? _____
6. A video game store has a 20% sale on all video games. If the game you wanted cost \$32.00, what would the discount be? _____
7. There are 435 representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives. Approximately 12.2% of the representatives are from California. How many representatives from California are there in the U.S. House of Representatives? Round your answer to the nearest whole number. _____
8. If the sales tax for the city of Los Angeles is 9.75%, how much tax would you pay for an item that costs \$200.00? _____
9. A small business spent \$23,000 for taxable items last year. The tax rate was 9.5%. How much did the small business pay in taxes last year? _____