

Percent of a Number

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To find the percent OF a number:

Method ① convert the percent to a decimal, then multiply!

Ex. Find 23.1% of 408

$$23.1 \div 100 = 0.231$$

Divide OR move Decimal
2 spaces Left

$$0.231 \times 408 = 94.248$$

Ex. Find $71\frac{3}{4}\%$ of 510

$$71.75\%$$

$$0.7175 \times 510 = 365.925$$

Method ② Set up a proportion, then cross-multiply and divide.

Ex. Find 138% of 425

% means per 100

$$\frac{138}{100} = \frac{?}{425}$$

$$138 \times 425 \div 100 = 586.5$$

Word Problems

Taxes - Find the tax and ADD

Sale Prices - Find the discount and SUBTRACT

Ex. Layla is buying a new dress. It costs

\$ 29.55, and the tax is 11.5%. Find the total.

Tax: \uparrow 11.5% of \$ 29.55
 $0.115 \times 29.55 = \$ 3.39825$ \rightarrow \$ 3.40

Total: \$ 29.55 + \$ 3.40 = $\boxed{\$ 32.95}$

Ex. A necklace costs \$ 165.35. It's on a 30% off sale. What is the sale price?

Discount: 30% of \$ 165.35
 $\frac{30}{100} = \frac{?}{165.35}$ $30 \times 165.35 \div 100 = \$ 49.605$
\$ 49.61

Sale price: \$ 165.35 - \$ 49.61 = $\boxed{\$ 115.74}$

* NOTE:

percent	=	decimal
$\underbrace{75\%}$	=	0.75
$\underbrace{7.5\%}$	=	0.075
$\frac{3}{4}\%$	=	$\underbrace{0.75\%}$ = 0.0075