

Percentages Guided Notes

What is Percentage?

The percentage represents the number of parts of anything divided into 100 equal parts. It can also be termed as the ratio of **part** to **whole**.

Percent

1 percent means 1 part out of 100 parts (or base)

It is represented as:



$$1\% = \frac{1}{100}$$



$$x\% = \frac{x}{100}$$

Percent Equation

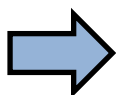
Let ***a*** be a **part** of a **base *b***. Then the statement “***a*** is ***p*** percent of ***b***” can be represented as:

$$a = p\% \cdot b$$

Finding a Part:

The percent equation can be used to find the part, given the percentage and the base.

$$a = p\% \cdot b$$



$$a = \frac{p}{100} \cdot b$$

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Problem 1: What is 30% of 150?

Proportion Equation

Let a be a **part** of a **base** b . Then the statement " a is p percent of b " can be represented as a proportion:

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{p}{100}$$

Finding a Percent:

The proportion equation can be used to find a percent, given the part and the base.

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{p}{100} \quad \Rightarrow \quad p = \frac{a}{b} \cdot 100\%$$

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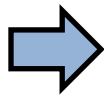
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Problem 2: What percent of 36 is 12?

Finding a Base:

The proportion equation can also be used to find a base, given the part and percentage.

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{p}{100}$$



$$b = \frac{a}{p} \cdot 100$$

Problem 3: 15% percent of what number is 6.75?