

NUMBERS AND THE NUMBER SYSTEM

Pupils should be taught to:

Understand percentage as the number of parts per 100; recognise the equivalence of fractions, decimals and percentages; calculate percentages and use them to solve problems

As outcomes, Year 7 pupils should, for example:

Understand percentage as the number of parts in every 100, and express a percentage as an equivalent fraction or decimal. For example:

Convert percentages to fractions by writing them as the number of parts per 100, then cancelling. For example:

- 60% is equivalent to $\frac{60}{100} = \frac{3}{5}$;
- 150% is equivalent to $\frac{150}{100} = \frac{3}{2} = 1\frac{1}{2}$.

Convert percentages to decimals by writing them as the number of parts per 100, then using knowledge of place value to write the fraction as a decimal. For example:

- 135% is equivalent to $135 \div 100 = 1.35$.

Recognise the equivalence of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Know decimal and percentage equivalents of simple fractions.

For example, know that $1 \equiv 100\%$. Use this to show that:

- $\frac{1}{10} = 0.1$ which is equivalent to 10%;
- $\frac{1}{100} = 0.01$ which is equivalent to 1%;
- $\frac{1}{8} = 0.125$ which is equivalent to 12½%;
- $1\frac{3}{4} = 1.75$ which is equivalent to 175%;
- $\frac{1}{3} = 0.333\dots$ which is equivalent to 33⅓%.

Express simple fractions and decimals as equivalent percentages by using equivalent fractions. For example:

- $\frac{3}{5} = \frac{60}{100}$ which is equivalent to 60%;
- $\frac{7}{20} = \frac{35}{100}$ which is equivalent to 35%;
- $2\frac{3}{4} = \frac{275}{100}$ which is equivalent to 275%;
- $0.48 = \frac{48}{100}$ which is equivalent to 48%;
- $0.3 = \frac{30}{100}$ which is equivalent to 30%.

Use number lines to demonstrate equivalence.



See Y456 examples (pages 32–3).

Link the equivalence of fractions, decimals and percentages to the probability scale (pages 278–9), and to the interpretation of data in pie charts and bar charts (pages 268–71).

As outcomes, Year 8 pupils should, for example:

Understand percentage as the operator 'so many hundredths of'.

For example, know that 15% means 15 parts per hundred, so 15% of Z means $\frac{15}{100} \times Z$.

Convert fraction and decimal operators to percentage operators by multiplying by 100.
For example:

- 0.45 $0.45 \times 100\% = 45\%$
- $\frac{7}{12}$ $(7 \div 12) \times 100\% = 58.3\%$ (to 1 d.p.)

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As outcomes, Year 7 pupils should, for example:

Calculate percentages of numbers, quantities and measurements.

Know that 10% is equivalent to $\frac{1}{10} = 0.1$, and 5% is half of 10%.

Use **mental methods**. For example, find:

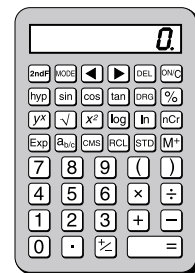
- 10% of £20 by dividing by 10;
- 10% of 37 g by dividing by 10;
- 5% of £5 by finding 10% and then halving;
- 100% of 5 litres by knowing that 100% represents the whole;
- 15% of 40 by finding 10% then 5% and adding the results together.

Use **informal written methods**. For example, find:

- 11% of £2800 by calculating 10% and 1% as jottings, and adding the results together;
- 70% of 130 g by calculating 10% and multiplying this by 7 as jottings; or by calculating 50% and 20% as jottings and adding the results.

Use a **calculator**, without the % key, to work out percentages of numbers and measures. For example:

- What is 24% of 34?
- Find 14.5% of 56 litres.



Know that there is more than one way to find a percentage using a calculator. For example, to find 12% of 45:

Convert a percentage calculation to an equivalent decimal calculation.

12% of 45

$$0.12 \times 45$$

$$\boxed{.} \boxed{1} \boxed{2} \boxed{\times} \boxed{4} \boxed{5} \boxed{=}$$

Convert a percentage calculation to an equivalent fraction calculation.

12% of 45

$$\frac{12}{100} \times 45$$

$$\boxed{1} \boxed{2} \boxed{\div} \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{\times} \boxed{4} \boxed{5} \boxed{=}$$

Recognise that this method is less efficient than the first.

Understand a calculator display when finding percentages in the context of money. For example:

- Interpret 15% of £48, displayed by most calculators as 7.2, as £7.20.

See Y456 examples (pages 32–3).

As outcomes, Year 8 pupils should, for example:

Calculate percentages of numbers, quantities and measurements.

Continue to use **mental methods**. For example, find:

- 65% of 40 by finding 50%, then 10% then 5% and adding the results together.
- 35% of 70 ml by finding 10%, trebling the result and then adding 5%;
- 125% of £240 by finding 25% then adding this to 240.

Use **written methods**. For example:

Use an equivalent fraction, as in:

- 13% of 48 $\frac{13}{100} \times 48 = \frac{624}{100} = 6.24$

Use an equivalent decimal, as in:

- 13% of 48 $0.13 \times 48 = 6.24$

Use a unitary method, as in:

- 13% of 48 $1\% \text{ of } 48 = 0.48$
 $13\% \text{ of } 48 = 0.48 \times 13 = 6.24$

Use a **calculator**, without the % key, to work out percentages of numbers and measures.

Use an equivalent decimal calculation.

12% of 45 0.12×45

Use a unitary method; that is, find 1% first.

12% of 45 $1\% \text{ is } 0.45, \text{ so } 12\% \text{ is } 0.45 \times 12$

Recognise that these methods are equally efficient.

Extend understanding of the display on the calculator when using percentages of money. For example:

- Interpret the answer to $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ of £27, displayed by some calculators as 8.999999, as £9.

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Use, read and write, spelling correctly:
change, total, value, amount, sale price, discount, decrease, increase, exchange rate, currency, convert...

Use the equivalence of fractions, decimals and percentages to compare two or more simple proportions and to solve simple problems.

Discuss percentages in everyday contexts. For example:

- Identify the percentage of wool, cotton, polyester... in clothes by examining labels.
- Work out what percentage of the pupils in the class are boys, girls, aged 11, have brown eyes...
- Discuss the use of percentages to promote the sales of goods, e.g. to indicate the extra amount in a packet.

Answer questions such as:

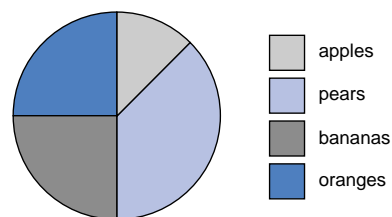
- Estimate the percentage of this line that is blue.



- 12% of a 125 g pot of yoghurt is whole fruit. How many grams are not whole fruit?
- 48% of the pupils at a school are girls. 25% of the girls and 50% of the boys travel to school by bus. What percentage of the whole school travels by bus?

Use proportions to interpret pie charts. For example:

- Some people were asked which fruit they liked best. This chart shows the results.



Estimate:

- a. the percentage of the people that liked oranges best;
- b. the proportion that liked apples best;
- c. the percentage that did not choose pears.

[Link to problems involving percentages \(pages 2–3\).](#)

Fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio and proportion

As outcomes, Year 8 pupils should, for example:

Use vocabulary from previous year and extend to: *profit, loss, interest, service charge, tax, VAT... unitary method...*

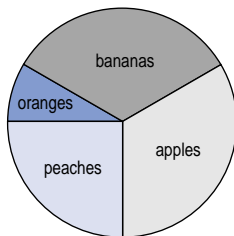
Use the equivalence of fractions, decimals and percentages to compare simple proportions and solve problems.

Apply understanding of simple percentages to other contexts, such as:

- the composition of alloys in science: for example, a 2p coin is 95% copper, 3.5% tin and 1.5% zinc;
- the age distribution of a population in geography;
- the elements of a balanced diet in nutrition;
- the composition of fabrics in design and technology: for example, a trouser fabric is 83% viscose, 10% cotton, 7% Lycra.

Answer questions such as:

- There is 20% orange juice in every litre of a fruit drink. How much orange juice is there in 2.5 litres of fruit drink? How much fruit drink can be made from 1 litre of orange juice?
- This chart shows the income that a market stall-holder got last week from selling different kinds of fruit.



The stall-holder got £350 from selling bananas. Estimate how much she got from selling oranges.

- 6 out of every 300 paper clips produced by a machine are rejected. What is this as a percentage?
- Rena put £150 in her savings account. After one year, her interest was £12. John put £110 in his savings account. After one year, his interest was £12. Who had the better rate of interest, Rena or John? Explain your answer.

[Link to problems involving percentages \(pages 2–3\).](#)

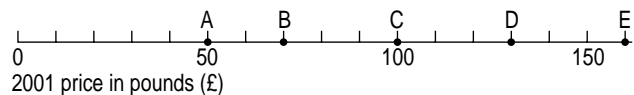
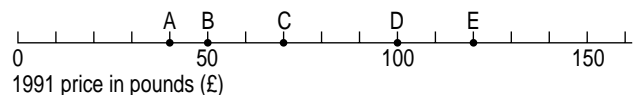
As outcomes, Year 9 pupils should, for example:

Use vocabulary from previous years and extend to: *cost price, selling price, compound interest...*

Recognise when fractions or percentages are needed to compare proportions and solve problems.

Answer questions such as:

- A slogan on a tube of mints says that it is 23% bigger. It contains 20 mints. How many mints are there in the normal tube?
- Which is the better buy: a 400 g pack of biscuits at 52p, or a pack of biscuits with 400 g + 25% extra, at 57p?
- In a phone bill, VAT at 17.5% is added to the total cost of calls and line rental. What percentage of the total bill is VAT?
- In 1999, about 50% of the world's tropical rain forests had been destroyed. About 180 000 square kilometres are now destroyed each year. This represents about 1.2% of the remainder. Estimate the original area of the tropical rain forests.
- The prices of five items A, B, C, D and E in 1991 and 2001 are shown on these scales.



Which of the items showed the greatest percentage increase in price from 1991 to 2001?

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Find the outcome of a given percentage increase or decrease.

Understand that:

- If something increases by 100%, it doubles.
- If something increases by 500%, it increases by five times itself, and is then six times its original size.
- A 100% decrease leaves zero.
- An increase of 15% will result in 115%, and 115% is equivalent to 1.15.
- A decrease of 15% will result in 85%, and 85% is equivalent to 0.85.
- An increase of 10% followed by a further increase of 10% is not equivalent to an increase of 20%.

For example:

- An increase of 15% on an original cost of £12 gives a new price of
 $£12 \times 1.15 = £13.80$
 or
 $15\% \text{ of } £12 = £1.80 \quad £12 + £1.80 = £13.80$
- A decrease of 15% on the original cost of £12 gives a new price of
 $£12 \times 0.85 = £10.20$
 or
 $15\% \text{ of } £12 = £1.80 \quad £12 - £1.80 = £10.20$

Investigate problems such as:

- I can buy a bicycle for one cash payment of £119, or pay a deposit of 20% and then six equal monthly payments of £17. How much extra will I pay in the second method?
- A price is increased by 10% in November to a new price. In the January sales the new price is reduced by 10%. Is the January sale price more, less or the same as the price was in October? Justify your answer.
- At the end of a dinner the waiter added VAT of 17.5% and then a 12.5% service charge. The customer argued that the service charge should have been calculated first. Who was correct? Give mathematical reasons for your answer.

Link to enlargement and scale (pages 212–17), and area and volume (pages 234–41).

As outcomes, Year 9 pupils should, for example:

Use percentage changes to solve problems, choosing the correct numbers to take as 100%, or as a whole.

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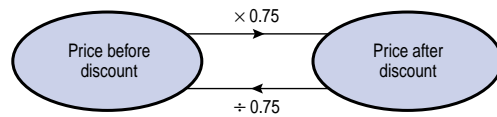
- There was a 25% discount in a sale. A boy paid £30 for a pair of jeans in the sale. What was the original price of the jeans?

Using a unitary method

£30 represents 75%.
 $£30 \div 75$ represents 1%.
 $£30 \div 75 \times 100$ represents 100%.

Using inverse operations

Let p be the original price.
 $p \times 0.75 = 30$, so $p = 30 \div 0.75 = 40$



- An unstretched metal spring is 20 cm long. It is stretched to a length of 27 cm. Find the percentage change in its length.

The increase is $\frac{7}{20} = \frac{35}{100}$ or 35%.

Solve problems such as:

- A jacket is on sale at £45, which is 85% of its original price. What was its original price?
- I bought a fridge freezer in a sale and saved £49. The label said that it was a '20% reduction'. What was the original price of the fridge freezer?
- A stereo system has been reduced from £320 to £272. What is the percentage reduction?
- The number of people going to a cinema increased from 52 000 in 1998 to 71 500 in 2001. Calculate the percentage increase in the number of people going to the cinema from 1998 to 2001.
- 12 500 people visited a museum in 2000. This was an increase of 25% on 1999. How many visitors were there in 1999?
- When heated, a metal bar increases in length from 1.25 m to 1.262 m. Calculate the percentage increase correct to one decimal place.
- A woman deposits £75 in a bank with an annual compound interest rate of 6%. How much will she have at the end of 3 years? (The calculation $75 \times (1.06)^3$ gives the new amount.)

Link to proportionality (pages 78–9), enlargement and scale (page 212–17), and area and volume (pages 234–41).