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## EVERYDAY PERCENT PROBLEMS N-GEN MATH<sup>®</sup> 6

There are very few math concepts that are used more in the real-world than that of percent.

**Exercise #1:** List as many ways that you've heard of percentages used in either school or the real-world.

Percent calculations can be **messy** especially because they often involve **multiplying** by a **fraction** or a **decimal**. It is important to be able to do some simple percent problems. But, first a review of an important idea.

**Exercise #2:** When we find a **percent of a total** (i.e. finding a part if we know the total and the percentage) then we are finding a fraction of it (out of 100). Convert each of the following percentages into equivalent fractions in simplest form.

- (a) 50%                      (b) 25%                      (c) 75%                      (d) 10%                      (e) 1%

We should be able to find any of the above percentages of a total pretty easily. Perhaps the most useful one to learn about is how to find 10% of a total quickly.

**Exercise #3:** Let's consider finding 10% of a total.

- (a) What one calculation will quickly give us 10% of any total?                      (b) If Quinn has \$250 and spends 10% of it on fast food, how much money does he have left? Show your calculations.
- (c) There are 450 students at Red Hook High School. If the school expects 10% more students next year, how many total students do they expect?



You can use the 10% shortcut trick to scale up to percentages like 20%, 30%, 40%, ...

**Exercise #4:** Use the 10% shortcut and then scale it up to answer the following questions.

- (a) Hana and her friend spend \$60 at a restaurant and would like to leave a tip worth 20% of the \$60 total. How much should they leave for a tip?
- (b) Lev took a 70-point test in social studies and earned 61 out of 70 points. Lev thinks he got above a 90% on this test. Show that Lev is incorrect.

You can use the 10% “trick” to scale up to 20%, 30%, ..., 90%. You can also use it to scale down to find a quantity like 5%.

**Exercise #5:** Jiro is considering buying a new jacket. The price listed on the jacket is \$84, but a sign states that it is on sale for 5% off the listed price.

- (a) What is 10% of the \$84 listed price?  
What is 5% of the listed price?
- (b) What will the price of the jacket be after the 5% is taken off?

We can even combine our 10% and 5% shortcuts from *Exercise #5* if we need to find quantities such as 15%, 25%, 35%, etcetera.

**Exercise #6:** Lian currently pays \$640 per month to rent her apartment. She has been told by her landlord that her rent will be increasing by 15% next year. How much will she have to pay, per month, next year in rent? Show how you found your answer.



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**EVERYDAY PERCENT PROBLEMS**  
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**FLUENCY**

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1. To correctly find 10% of a total you could do each of the following *except*

(1) divide by 10                      (3) multiply by  $\frac{1}{10}$

(2) multiply by  $\frac{10}{100}$                       (4) multiply by 0.01

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2. Which of the following represents 10% of 45,000?

(1) 4.5                      (3) 450

(2) 45                      (4) 4,500

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3. Which of the following represents 20% of 80?

(1) 8                      (3) 24

(2) 16                      (4) 40

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**USING YOUR MATH**

4. Amanda is considering buying a dress that has an original price of \$120. The store is having a sale where the price of the dress is going to drop by 10%. How much will the new price of the dress be?

5. The high temperature today is 80 degrees. If the high temperature tomorrow is supposed to be 5% lower than the high today, what is the high temperature tomorrow supposed to be?



