

Percentages

Percent means 'out of one hundred'.

1% means 1 out of 100 and is the same as $\frac{1}{100}$, in other words to find 1% of an amount, divide by 100. For example: 1% of £500 is $£500 \div 100 = £5$.

Common percentages

1%	$\frac{1}{100}$	one hundredth	example: 1% of £500 = £5 (divide by 100)
10%	$\frac{1}{10}$	one tenth	example: 10% of £500 = £50 (divide by 10)
20%	$\frac{1}{5}$	one fifth	example: 20% of £500 = £100 (divide by 5)
25%	$\frac{1}{4}$	one quarter	example: 25% of £500 = £125 (divide by 4)
50%	$\frac{1}{2}$	one half	example: 50% of £500 = £250 (divide by 2)
75%	$\frac{3}{4}$	three quarters	example: 75% of £500 = £375 (divide by 4 and multiply by 3)

Notes

- 'Cent' comes from the Latin for one hundred.
- Other words with 'cent' in them:
 - A **century** is one hundred years.
 - A **centipede** has one hundred legs.
 - There are one hundred **cents** in a dollar.