Percentages: Change, Interest and Reverse

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WHAT YOU WILL PRACTISE

- Find a percentage of an amount and express one amount as a percentage of another
- Increase and decrease an amount by a percentage
- Solve compound interest and reverse percentage problems

WORKED EXAMPLE

Decrease R600 by 15%.

1. A 15% decrease leaves 100% − 15% = 85% of the original.
2. Write 85% as a multiplier: 0.85.
3. Multiply: R600 × 0.85 = R510.

Answer: R510

Questions

Show your working in the space under each question.

1. Find 15% of 80

2. Write 18 out of 60 as a percentage

3. Increase R2,400 by 15%

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4. Decrease 350 kg by 20%

5. A coat costs R800. In a sale the price is reduced by 35%. Work out the sale price.

6. The price of a ticket rises from R500 to R580. Work out the percentage increase.

7. R20,000 is invested at 3% per year compound interest. Work out the value of the investment after 2 years.

8. After a 20% increase, a phone costs R3,600. Work out the price before the increase.

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Answers: Percentages: Change, Interest and Reverse

Mark your own work, then go back to any question you got wrong before reading the tutor tip.

Q	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Find 15% of 80	**12**
2	Write 18 out of 60 as a percentage	**30%**
3	Increase R2,400 by 15%	**R2,760**
4	Decrease 350 kg by 20%	**280 kg**
5	A coat costs R800. In a sale the price is reduced by 35%. Work out the sale price.	**R520**
6	The price of a ticket rises from R500 to R580. Work out the percentage increase.	**16%**
7	R20,000 is invested at 3% per year compound interest. Work out the value of the investment after 2 years.	**R21,218**
8	After a 20% increase, a phone costs R3,600. Work out the price before the increase.	**R3,000**

TUTOR TIP

For a reverse percentage, divide by the multiplier. Never take the percentage off the new price, because the percentage was of the original.

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