Think Task

Percentages are always out of 100.

The number 100 is really important when trying to work with percentages.

How to calculate a percentage of an amount

- 50% ~ halve it or divide by 2 You divide 100 by 2 to get 50
- 25% ~ halve it again or divide by 4 You divide 100 by 4 to get 25

10% ~ divide by 10 You divide 100 by 10 to get 10

5% ~ halve 10% or divide by 20 You divide 100 by 20 to get 5

1% ~ divide by 100 You divide 100 by 100 to get 1

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Let's practice

160



Now you try



40

240

540

Answers



40

240

540

What about these?

240

What is 30% of 240?

50% = **120**

Method 1

$$10\% = 24$$

$$+10\% = 24$$

Method 2

There are lots of different ways to make 30% Can you think of any others?



What about these?

240

What is 45% of 240?

Method 1

25% =

$$10\% = 24$$

$$+10\% = 24$$

$$+10\% = 24$$

$$+10\% = 24$$

$$+5\% = 12$$

$$45\% = 108$$

$$50\% = 120$$
 $-5\% = 12$
 $45\% = 108$

There are lots of different ways to make 45% Can you think of any others?



What about these?

240

What is 8% of 240?

Method 1

$$5\% = 12$$
 $+1\% = 2.4$
 $+1\% = 2.4$
 $+1\% = 2.4$
 $8\% = 19.2$

$$10\% = 24$$
 $-1\% = 2.4$
 $-1\% = 2.4$
 $8\% = 19.2$

25% =

50% = **120**

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There are lots of different ways to make 8% Can you think of any others?



Now you try

- a) What is 20% of 70
- b) What is 80% of 70

- c) What is 65% of 180
- d) What is 87% of 180

- e) What is 3% of 120
- f) What is 12.5% of 120

Work out 50%, 25%, 10%, 5% and 1% first.



Answers

- a) 14
- b) 56

- c) 117
- d) 156.6

- e) 3.6
- f) 15

Work out 50%, 25%, 10%, 5% and 1% first.

