6.6 Percent of Change

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A percent can be used to describe an amount of change. The **percent of change** is the amount, stated as a percent, that a number increases or decreases. If the amount goes up, it is a **percent of increase**. If the amount goes down, it is a **percent of decrease**.

You can find the percent of change by using the following formula.

Percent of change = amount of change original amount

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Find the percent of change. Round answers to the nearest tenth of a percent, if necessary. 65 is decreased to 38.

65 - 38 = 27 Find the amount of change percent of change = $\frac{27}{65}$ Substitute values into formula.

≈ **0.4153846** *Divide*.

≈ 41.5% Write as a percent. Round.

The percent of decrease is about 41.5%.

Helpful Hint

When a number is decreased, subtract the new amount from the original amount to find the amount of change.

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Find the percent of change. Round answers to the nearest tenth of a percent, if necessary. 41 is increased to 92.

92 - 41 = 51 Find the amount of change.

Percent of change = $\frac{51}{41}$ Substitute values into formula.

≈ 1.2439 *Divide*.

≈ 124.4% Write as a percent. Round.

The percent of increase is about 124.4%

Helpful Hint

When a number is increased, subtract the original amount from the new amount.

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Find the percent of change. Round answers to the nearest tenth of a percent, if necessary.

70 is decreased to 45.

$$\frac{35}{70} = 0.35,11425$$

Find the percent of change. Round answers to the nearest tenth of a percent, if necessary.

37 is increased to 56.

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When you know the percent of change, you can use an equation to find the actual amount of change.

The regular price of a bicycle helmet is \$42.99. It is on sale for 20% off. What is the sales price?

$$42.99.0.2 = $8.598$$
 342.99
 -8.60
 $8.34.39$

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The regular price of a computer game is \$49.88. It is on sale for 15% off. What is the sales price?

$$49.88 \cdot 0.15 = 7.482$$
 49.88
 -7.48
 42.40

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A boutique buys hand-painted T-shirts for \$12.60 each and sells them at a 110% increase in price. What is the retail price of the T-shirts?

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William makes T-shirts for \$7.00 each and sells them after a price increase of 125%. What is the retail price of the T-shirts?

$$7.00 \cdot 1.25 = 8.75$$
 7.00
 8.75
 415.75

Find each percent of change. 1. 10 is increased to 12. 2 **2.** 25 is increased to 45. 3. 10 is decreased to 1. 9 4. The regular price of a coat is \$120. It is on sale for 25% off. What is the sale price? $120 \cdot 25 = 30 = 30$ 5. A backpack that sells for \$42 is on sale for 25% off. Find the sale price.

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