Percent and Rates per 100

Percent is defined in many ways, below are some of them:

- It is a number expressed as a fraction of 100
- It means parts per 100
- It is a ratio that tells us "out of 100.
- It is a ratio where the second is 100.

The figure tells us that:

- there are "12 parts per 100"
- a ratio of 12 out of 100
- a ratio expressed as 12:100

The percent symbol "%" is used as an easy way to write a fraction with a common denominator of 100.

So instead of writing "12 out 100", we can write it as 12%



# Percent is a Rate per 100!

Percent can be expressed in many ways...

As a fraction:  $\frac{12}{100}$ As a ratio: 12:100 As a decimal: 0.12 Using the percent symbol: 12%

#### Sample Problem 1:

#### Express the following quantities as percent.

a. 18 out of 100 b. 35 out of 100

## Writing Percent as Fractions Over 100

Expressing percent as a fraction is very easy! Remember that percent means "part of the whole".

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So 30% expressed as a fraction over 100 is \frac{30}{100}.
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#### Sample Problem 2:

## Write the following as fractions over 100.

a. 25% b. 67%

Writing Percent to a Decimal (to the hundredths place)

There are a number of ways to express percent to decimals.

## A. Dividing by 100

Step 1: Express the given percent as a fraction of 100

Step 2: Divide the resulting fraction.

#### Example: Express 46% in decimal.

Step 1:  $\frac{46}{100}$ Step 2: 0.46 46% = 0.46

#### B. Move the Decimal

One of the easiest ways to convert a percent to a decimal is by simply moving it two places to the left!

Example: Express 35% in decimal.

35% = 0.35

C. Multiplying the Given Percent by 0.01 Example: Express 24% in decimal.  $24\% \times 0.01 = 0.24$ 

#### Sample Problem 3:

Express the given percent into decimal (to the nearest hundredths). a. 33% b. 51% c. 75. 6873%

## Finding the Percent of a Given Number

To find the percent of a given number follow the steps below:

- Step 1: Change the given percent to decimal.
- Step 2: Multiply the quantities.

Example: What is 20% of 70? Step 1: 20% = 0.20 Step 2: (0.20)(70) = 14 20% of 70 is 14

Sample Problem 4: What is 15% of 20