

PERCENTAGES %



Finding a quantity as a PERCENTAGE of another

WORKED EXAMPLES

1. Class B has 30 pupils; 18 are boys.
What PERCENTAGE of the pupils in class B are boys?

18 out of 30 pupils are boys

$$\frac{18}{30} \times 100\% = 18 \div 30 \times 100\%$$
$$= 60\% \text{ of the pupils are boys}$$

2. In one week the weight of baby Anna increased from 3000g to 3240g. What is the PERCENTAGE increase in her weight?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Increase in weight} &= 3240 - 3000\text{g} \\ &= 240\text{g} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Increase as a PERCENTAGE of original weight} &= \frac{240}{3000} \times 100\% \\ &= 240 \div 3000 \times 100\% \\ &= 8\% \end{aligned}$$

Baby Anna's weight has increased by 8% in one week

'Per cent' means out of 100

$$14\% = \frac{14}{100} \quad 26\% = \frac{26}{100} \quad 97\% = \frac{97}{100}$$