

Lesson 28: Solving Percent Problems

Classwork

Example

If an item is discounted 20%, the sale price is what percent of the original price?

$$100\% - 20\% = 80\%$$

If the original price of the item is \$400, what is the dollar amount of the discount?

$$20\% = \frac{20}{100} \div 10 = \frac{2}{10}$$

$$\frac{20}{100} \div 20 = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\frac{2}{10} \cdot 400 = \frac{800}{10} = 80$$

OR

$$\frac{1}{5} \cdot 400 = \frac{400}{5} = 80$$

\$ 80 discount

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How much is the sale price?

$$80\% = \frac{80}{100} \div 10 = \frac{8}{10}$$

$$400 \times \frac{8}{10} = \frac{3200}{10} = \$ 320$$

OR

$$400 - 80 = \$ 320$$

\$ 320 is sale price.

Exercise

$$\text{Original} - \text{Sale} = \text{Amount of Discount}$$

The following items were bought on sale. Complete the missing information in the table.

must = 100%

Item	Original Price	Sale Price	Amount of Discount	Percent Saved	Percent Paid
Television	1,000	\$800	\$200	20%	80%
Sneakers	\$80	\$60	\$20	25%	75%
Video Games	\$60	\$54	\$6	10%	90%
MP3 Player	\$86	\$51.60	\$34.40	40%	60%
Book	\$14	\$11.20	\$2.80	20%	80%
Snack Bar	\$2	\$1.70	\$0.30	15%	85%

Tv: $\frac{80}{100} = 20\% \Rightarrow \frac{4}{5}$ $\frac{800}{1} \div \frac{4}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{800}{1} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = \frac{4000}{4} = \1000 is original price
 $\$1000 - 800 = \200 is Amount discounted.

Sneaker: $.25(80) = \$20$ is the Amount discounted
 $80 - 20 = \$60$ is the Sale price.
 $100\% - 25\% = 75\%$ is % Paid

Video Games: $\frac{90}{100} = 90\% = \frac{9}{10}$ $54 \div \frac{9}{10} \Rightarrow \frac{54}{1} \cdot \frac{10}{9} = \frac{540}{9} = \60 is sale price
 $60 + 20 = \$80$ is the original price.
 $60 - 54 = \$6$ is the amount of discount.

MP3 Player: $\frac{60}{100} = 60\% = \frac{3}{5}$ $\frac{51.60}{1} \div \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{51.60}{1} \cdot \frac{5}{3} = \frac{258}{3} = \86 is original price
 $\$86.00 - \$51.60 = \$34.40$ is Amount of discount.

Book: $\frac{2.80}{1} \div \frac{20}{100} \Rightarrow \frac{2.80}{1} \cdot \frac{100}{20} = \frac{280}{20} = \14 is original Amount
 $14.00 - \$2.80 = \11.20 is Sale Price.

Snack Bar: $0.30 \div \frac{15}{100} \Rightarrow \frac{0.30}{1} \cdot \frac{100}{15} = \frac{30}{15} = \2 is the original price.
 $\$2.00 - 0.30 = \1.70 is the Sale Price.