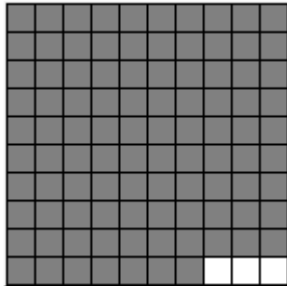


Percents

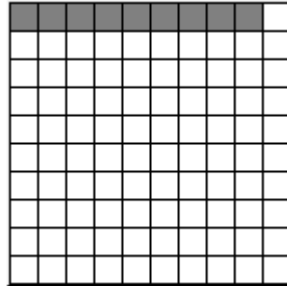
What fraction of each grid is shaded?

Grid 1



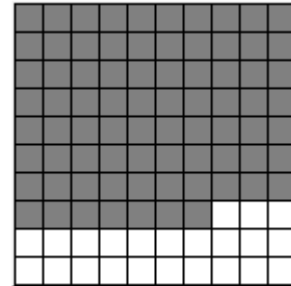
Answer :

Grid 2



Answer :

Grid 3



Answer :

Each grid above has 100 boxes.

For each grid, the ratio of the number of shaded boxes to the total number of boxes can be represented as a fraction.

Shaded Boxes to Total Boxes

Grid	Ratio	Fraction
1		
2		
3		

We can represent each of these fractions as a percent using the symbol %.

$$\frac{97}{100} = 97\% \quad \frac{9}{100} = 9\% \quad \frac{77}{100} = 77\%$$

Definition: A percent is a ratio whose second term is 100. Percent means parts per hundred. The word percent comes from the Latin phrase *per centum*, which means per hundred. In mathematics, we use the symbol % for percent.

**** Percents are fractions with 100 as the denominator****

Let's look at our comparison table again. This time the table includes percents.

Comparing Shaded Boxes to Total Boxes			
Grid	Ratio	Fraction	Percent
1	97 to 100		
2	9 to 100		
3	77 to 100		

Practice:

1. Write each percent as a fraction in lowest terms.

From percent To fraction: Divide by 100; then reduce the fraction

- (a) 37% (b) 40% (c) $\frac{3}{4}\%$ (d) $3\frac{1}{2}\%$

2. Write each percent as a decimal.

From percent To decimal: Divide by 100 using the calculator

- (a) 24% (b) 3% (c) 125% (d) 0.25%

3. Write each fraction as a percent.

From fraction To percent: Multiply by 100

- (a) $\frac{23}{100}$ (b) $\frac{3}{50}$ (c) $\frac{3}{8}$ (d) 2

4. Write each decimal as a percent

From decimal To percent: Multiply by 100

- (a) 0.25 (b) 0.125 (c) 2.45 (d) 0.008

Answers: 1. (a) $\frac{37}{100}$, (b) $\frac{2}{5}$, (c) $\frac{3}{400}$, (d) $\frac{7}{200}$; 2. (a) 0.24, (b) 0.03, (c) 1.25, (d) 0.0025;

3. (a) 23%, (b) 6%, (c) 37.5%, (d) 200%; 4. (a) 25%, (b) 12.5%, (c) 245%, (d) 0.8%