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PERCENTAGE CHANGE WORD PROBLEMS 1



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1)	I have \$2500 which I leave in a savings account	
	for a year. At the end of the year it is worth	
	\$2600.	
	What is the percentage increase?	
2)	A laptop is reduced from \$820 to \$750 in a sale.	
	What is the percentage reduction in price?	
3)	Tyger scores 15 in a spelling test.	
	He scores 18 the next week.	
	What is the percentage change?	
4)	Frazer cycles 125 miles in one week.	
	He cycles 110 miles the following week.	
	What is the percentage change?	
5)	A chocolate bar is made with a new recipe	
	which reduces the number of calories from 500	
	to 420.	
	What is the percentage decrease in calories?	
6)	In January, there is 5.2 inches of rainfall in	
	Seattle. In February, there is 4.1 inches.	
	What is the percentage change?	



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Work out the percentage change.

		Working out
1)	I have \$2500 which I leave in a savings account	2600 – 2500 = 100
	for a year. At the end of the year it is worth	$100 \div 2500 = 0.04$
	\$2600.	0.04 x 100 = 4%
	What is the percentage increase?	4% increase
2)	A laptop is reduced from \$840 to \$714 in a sale.	714 – 840 = -126
		$-126 \div 840 = -0.15$
		-0.15 x 100 = -15%
	What is the percentage reduction in price?	15% reduction
3)	Tyger scores 15 in a spelling test.	18 – 15 = 3
	He scores 18 the next week.	$3 \div 15 = 0.2$
		0.2 x 100 = 20%
	What is the percentage change?	20% increase
4)	Frazer cycles 125 miles in one week.	110 – 125 = -15
	He cycles 110 miles the following week.	-15 ÷ 125 = -0.12
		-0.12 x 100 = -12%
	What is the percentage change?	-12% (or a 12% decrease)
5)	A chocolate bar is made with a new recipe	420 – 500 = -80
	which reduces the number of calories from 500	$-80 \div 500 = -0.16$
	to 420.	-0.16 x 100 = -16%
	What is the percentage decrease in calories?	16% decrease
6)	In October, there is 3.2 inches of rainfall in	5.6 – 3.2 = 2.4
	Seattle. In November, there is 5.6 inches	$2.4 \div 3.2 = 0.75$
		0.75 x 100 = 75%
	What is the percentage change?	75% increase

