**What is a Percentage?**

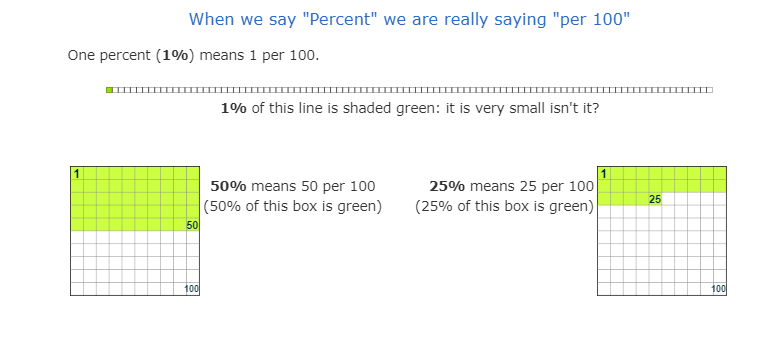
A percentage, shown by the % symbol, literally means **‘out of 100’.**  
So for example:  
39% means 39 out of 100  
96% means 96 out of 100  
4% means 4 out of 100

**Where are percentages used?**

Percentages are most often seen in supermarkets or other shops, advertising a discount.  
Examples include:

**Sales in shops:**That pair of trainers is finally 50% off? Fantastic!

**Food labels:**Percentages are used to tell you how much a certain food or drink will contribute to your daily calorie allowance.

**Tax: T**axes are expressed in percentages due to the fact that the things they are being applied to are all different prices.