



Timester Challenge

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Answers



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$$\frac{756}{1400} = \frac{54}{100} = 54\%$$

Bronze ★

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$$\frac{66-59}{59} = \frac{7}{59} = 11.9\% \text{ decrease}$$

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$$\frac{7.50-6.50}{6.50} = \frac{1}{6.50} = 15.4\% \text{ Increase}$$

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$$\frac{6}{30} = \frac{2}{10} = 20\%$$

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$$\frac{153-85}{85} = \frac{68}{85} = \frac{8}{10} = 80\% \text{ Increase}$$

Silver ★

A shop sells clothes and has a 15% reduction off all prices. In the second week of the sale the prices are reduced by a further 10% at the till. Work out the overall percentage reduction on any item of clothing.

$$0.85 \times 0.9 = 0.765$$

76.5% of original price

23.5% decrease

Gold ★