

# Increasing and Decreasing

Let's use percentages to describe increases and decreases.

## 4.1 Improving Their Game

Here are the scores from three different sports teams from their last two games.

sports team	total points in Game 1	total points in Game 2
football team	22	30
basketball team	100	108
baseball team	4	12

1. What do you notice about the teams' scores? What do you wonder?

2. Which team improved the most? Explain your reasoning.

## 4.2

## More Shampoo and a Discounted Shirt

1. A shampoo bottle says that now it contains 20% more. Originally, it came with 18.5 fluid ounces of shampoo. How much shampoo does the bottle come with now?



2. The price of a shirt is \$18.50, but you have a coupon that lowers the price by 20%. What is the price of the shirt after using the coupon?



### Are you ready for more?

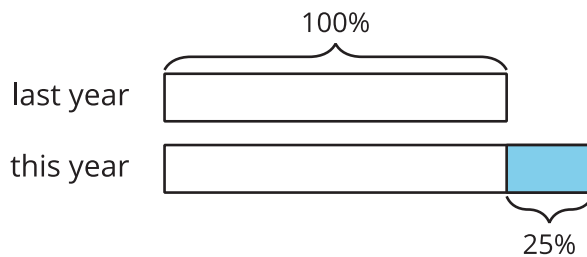
Shirts are on sale for 20% off. You buy two of them. As you pay, the cashier says, “20% off of each shirt means 40% off of the total price.”

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain your reasoning.

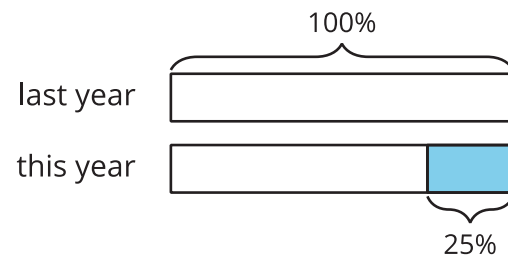
## 4.3 Using Tape Diagrams

1. Match each situation to a diagram. Be prepared to explain your reasoning.
  - a. Compared with last year's strawberry harvest, this year's strawberry harvest is a 25% increase.
  - b. This year's blueberry harvest is 75% of last year's.
  - c. Compared with last year, this year's peach harvest decreased 25%.
  - d. This year's plum harvest is 125% of last year's plum harvest.

**A**



**B**



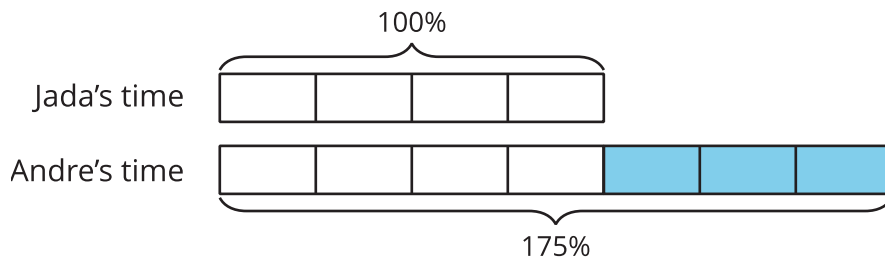
2. Draw a diagram to represent these situations.
  - a. The number of ducks living at the pond increased by 40%.
  - b. The number of mosquitoes decreased by 80%.

## Are you ready for more?

What could it mean to say there is a 100% decrease in a quantity? Give an example of a quantity where this makes sense.

## Lesson 4 Summary

Imagine that it takes Andre  $\frac{3}{4}$  more than the time it takes Jada to get to school. Then we know that Andre's time is  $1\frac{3}{4}$ , or 1.75, times Jada's time. We can also describe this in terms of percentages:



We say that Andre's time is 75% more than Jada's time. We can also see that Andre's time is 175% of Jada's time. In general, the terms **percent increase** and **percent decrease** describe an increase or decrease in a quantity as a percentage of the starting amount.

For example, if there were 500 grams of cereal in the original package, then "20% more" means that 20% of 500 grams has been added to the initial amount,  $500 + (0.2) \cdot 500 = 600$ , so there are 600 grams of cereal in the new package.



We can see that the new amount is 120% of the initial amount because  $500 + (0.2) \cdot 500 = (1 + 0.2)500$ .

