

By the end of this lesson you will be able to _____.

Example 1 - Calculating Percent Error

The weatherman said we would get _____ inches of snow, but we only got _____ inches. What was his percentage error?

What is a percentage error? _____.

What you can do...

Calculate the error by _____

Divide the error by _____

Covert to a percentage by _____

Example 2 - Calculating the Percentage Error

The boiling point of ethyl alcohol should be _____, but Joshua found it to be _____ ! What was Joshua's percentage error?

What you can do...

Calculate the error by _____

Take the absolute value of _____

Divide the error by _____

Covert to a percentage by _____

Who was more accurate the weatherman or Joshua?

Having a _____ percent error is going to be more desirable

Example 3 - Calculating the Percentage Error for π (pi)

What is pi? _____

Most often we use the number _____ for pi in calculations with circles.

But pi is an _____, a decimal number that keeps going without repeating patterns.

$$\pi = \text{_____} \dots$$

$$= \text{_____}$$

When we use the number 3.14 for pi, what is the percentage error? _____

When we use the fraction $\frac{22}{7}$ for pi, what is the percentage error? _____

Which estimated number is closest to the true value of pi? _____ Why? _____

Your Turn to Practice!

- 1) You thought you would get an _____% on your math test. You got an _____%. What was your percentage error?
- 2) The band expected 800 fans to show up, but 950 fans showed up instead. What was the band's percentage error?
- 3) The body shop estimated the repairs on your car would be \$_____. You had to pay \$_____ instead. What was the shop's percentage error?
- 4) You expected to run one lap in _____ seconds. It took you _____, what was your percentage error?