

APPROXIMATIONS

MATCH THE TWO HALVES OF EACH SENTENCE:

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| About a hundred or | , more or less. |
| A hundred | -odd tourists visited. |
| At or | so tourist visited. |
| Something | a hundred tourists visited. |
| A hundred tourists visited | like a hundred tourists visited. |
| A little over | around a hundred tourists visited. |

CHOOSE THE EXPRESSIONS THAT COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES:

- _____ people work _____ my company, we're _____ a hundred and fifty.
- Have you seen my backpack? It's blue _____ with a _____ metallic finish.
- We must have _____ idea _____ how long this project will take.
- They say _____ three hundred people turned _____ to hear his talk.
- _____ will necessarily be true, but that's the _____ about storylines.
- We'll be arriving _____ midday, please have _____ ready!

DRAG AND DROP THE APPROXIMATIVE PHRASE NEXT TO THE SENTENCE IT FITS INTO:

- A FIFTH** **NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS** **A VERY SMALL PROPORTION** **A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY**
- NEARLY ONE-THIRD** **ALMOST A QUARTER** **JUST UNDER A HALF**
- JUST OVER A HALF** **UPWARDS OF 40%** **MORE THAN A THIRD** **JUST OVER THREE QUARTERS**

- Only 2% of the customers responded to the survey we sent. →
- We managed to write 90% of the reports that were due for this week. →
- Our supermarket bill was 32% higher than last month. →
- So far, 49% of the company's employees have received a bonus. →
- Apparently, only 20% of their content is created by them. →

FILL THE BLANKS WITH THE MISSING APPROXIMATION WORDS OR PARTS OF WORDS:

Of all the **1)** _____ that people associate with England, Stonehenge is probably one of the best-known. It's become a **2)** _____ of symbol of pre-historic England. However, in **3)** _____ parts of England you'll also find other standing stone monuments. In fact, only thirty minutes or **4)** _____ up the road from Stonehenge, there are the stone circles of Avebury.

Like Stonehenge, the stones at Avebury are grey **5)** _____ in colour. However, the circles at Avebury cover an area of well **6)** _____ twelve hectares, so the site is much bigger than Stonehenge. Originally, there would have been something **7)** _____ four hundred standing stones and it is estimated they took in the **8)** _____ of 1.5M man hours to construct.

