

APPROXIMATIONS

MATCH THE TWO HALVES OF EACH SENTENCE:

About a hundred 	 , 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:

- 1) _____ people work _____ my company, we're _____ a hundred and fifty.
- 2) Have you seen my backpack? It's blue _____ with a _____ metallic finish.
- 3) We must have _____ idea _____ how long this project will take.
- 4) They say _____ three hundred people turned _____ to hear his talk.
- 5) _____ will necessarily be true, but that's the _____ about storylines.
- 6) 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

- 1) Only 2% of the customers responded to the survey we sent. →
- 2) We managed to write 90% of the reports that were due for this week. →
- 3) Our supermarket bill was 32% higher than last month. →
- 4) So far, 49% of the company's employees have received a bonus. →
- 5) 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.

