

# APPROXIMATIONS

## MATCH THE TWO HALVES OF EACH SENTENCE:

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

