

# APPROXIMATIONS

## MATCH THE TWO HALVES OF EACH SENTENCE:

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:

- 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.

