Understanding Percent

A percent is a ratio that compares a part to a whole.
The second term in the ratio is always 100.
The whole is $100 \%$.
The grid has 60 of 100 squares shaded.

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\frac{60}{100}=60 \%
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So, $60 \%$ of the grid is shaded.
When the second term of a ratio is not 100, you can write an equivalent ratio with a denominator of 100 or use a proportion to find the percent shown by the part.


So, $10 \%$ of the circle is shaded.


So, $40 \%$ of the line segment is shaded.

Write the percent of each figure that is shaded.
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2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7. Number Sense Jana divided a sheet of paper into 5 equal sections and colored 2 of the sections red. What percent of the paper did she color? $\qquad$ .
8. Writing to Explain Shade each model to show 100\%. Explain how you knew how many parts to shade.



