

# The return step changes base

A rise and a fall can move the same dollars but different percents.

## 1 · ORIGINAL BASE

starting amount: currency/unit:

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## 2 · FIRST CHANGE

change = rate % of ORIGINAL BASE; new amount:

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## 3 · RETURN FROM THE NEW BASE

return rate = dollar gap ÷ NEW BASE × 100%

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## 4 · CHECK THE WORDS AND CROP

What number or step is hidden from a reader?

Test the repeated-percent shortcut; correct it.