

MATH ON THE JOI

Danielle is the owner of a company in Saint John, New Brunswick, that installs ceramic tile, marble, slate, terrazo, and granite for exterior and interior walls, floors, and other surfaces. Early spring is a slow time for this type of business, so Danielle's company is offering discounts on materials left in stock from last year. To get the most from this **promotion**, Danielle needs to calculate what percentage discount to offer on each type of material, taking into account what her costs were and how much stock remains. She may also offer a variety of discounts based on quantities bought.

The company has in stock 12" × 12" slate in sandstone colour that sold for \$6.99 per square foot last year. If Danielle offers it at a 15% discount, what will the sale price be for 50 square feet of slate, before taxes?

50x 6.99 x 0.85 = 297.08

During periods when business is slow, a business owner can increase sales by getting in touch with past or potential clients.



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SOLUTION

Imperial measurements are standard in the construction trades. Discuss with students the number of tiles needed. Each tile is $12'' \times 12''$ or $1' \times 1'$. Calculate using feet since the price is given per square foot. Since 50 square feet of slate are needed, calculate the cost of 50 tiles.

Note: Some students may not understand the concept of "square feet." Draw a square on the board and label each side as 4. Then draw in vertical and horizontal lines within the square to total 16 boxes within the space. Each side measures 4 linear feet. The area within the square Inclusions of matching and a within the square becomes the square footage since the area of the square (4×4) is 16. In this example, 50 square feet could be represented by a 10' × 5' rectangle or a $25' \times 2'$ rectangle, or some other shape. Point out that the shape does not have to be a square; remind students that it is area that is being discussed.

COST METHOD 1: 2-step process

First find the percent discount on one tile and subtract that amount from the original price. Remember to convert the percent to a decimal.

\$6,99 × 0.15 = \$1,0485 \$6.99 - \$1.05 = \$5.94 per tile \$5.94 × 50 = \$297.00

COST METHOD 2: 1-step process If the discount per tile is 15%, then you can calculate the discount percentage. 100% - 15% = 85% \$6.99 × 0.85 = \$5.94 a tile Multiply to find the total cost. \$5.94 × 50 = \$297.00

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promotion: an activity that increases awareness of a product or attracts customers

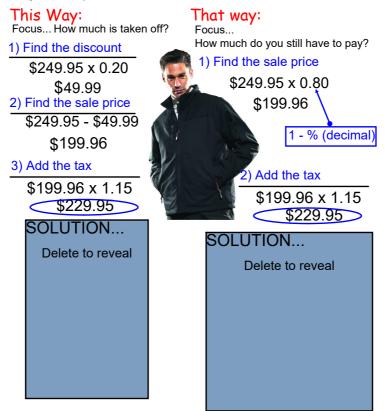
Common Discounts...

- 70 % off
- save \$30
- BOGO
- 1/2 price



EXAMPLE:

Jonas needs to buy a new winter jacket. He has waited for a sale, and a jacket that originally cost \$249.95 is now discounted 20%. How much will the jacket cost if Jonas lives in Nova Scotia, where HST is 15%?



Section 1.4 ON SALE



Determine the rate of discount in each of the following ...



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