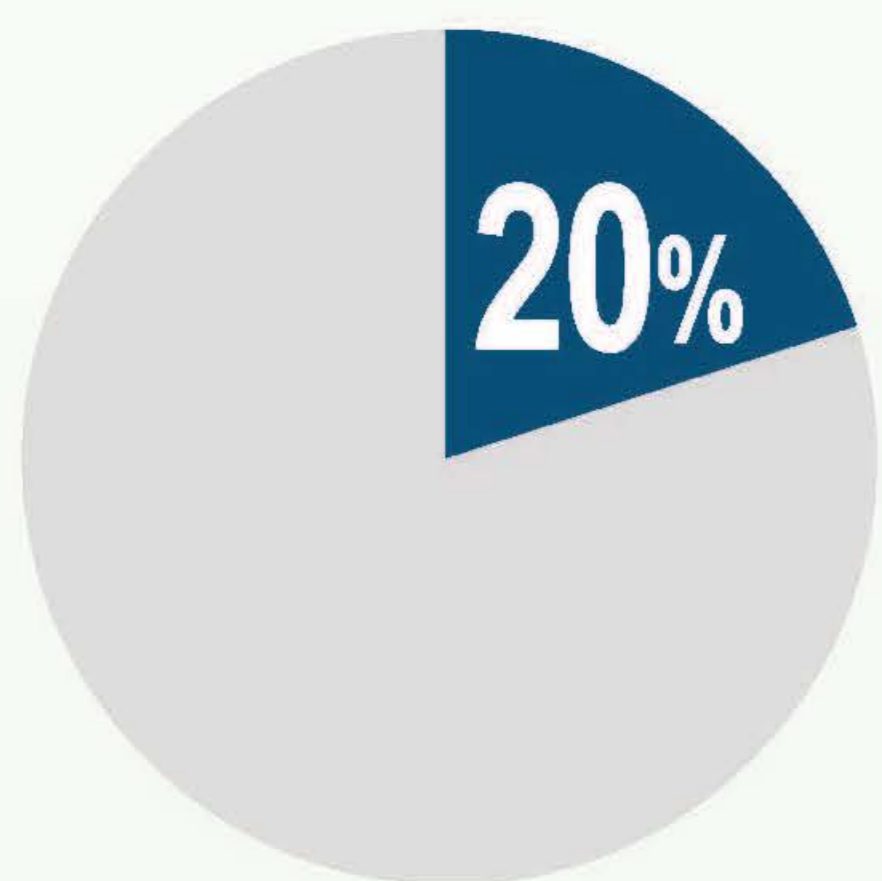


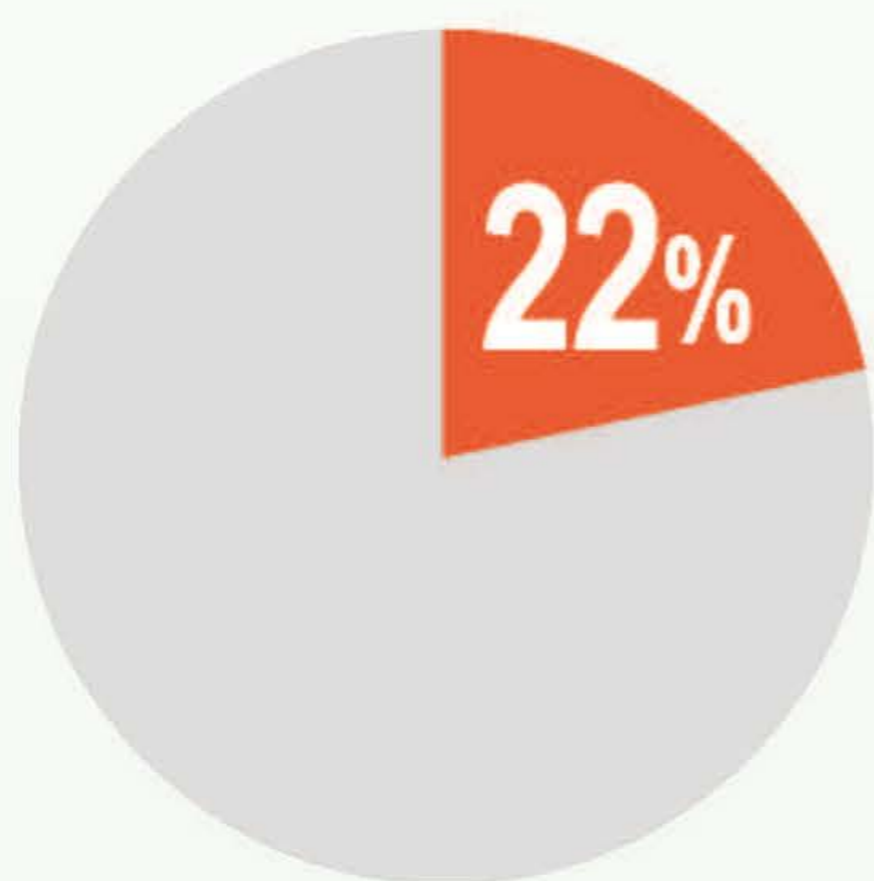
Describing Statistics

Describing statistics is a basic academic writing skill. Findings can be presented in percentages, fractions or other expressions.

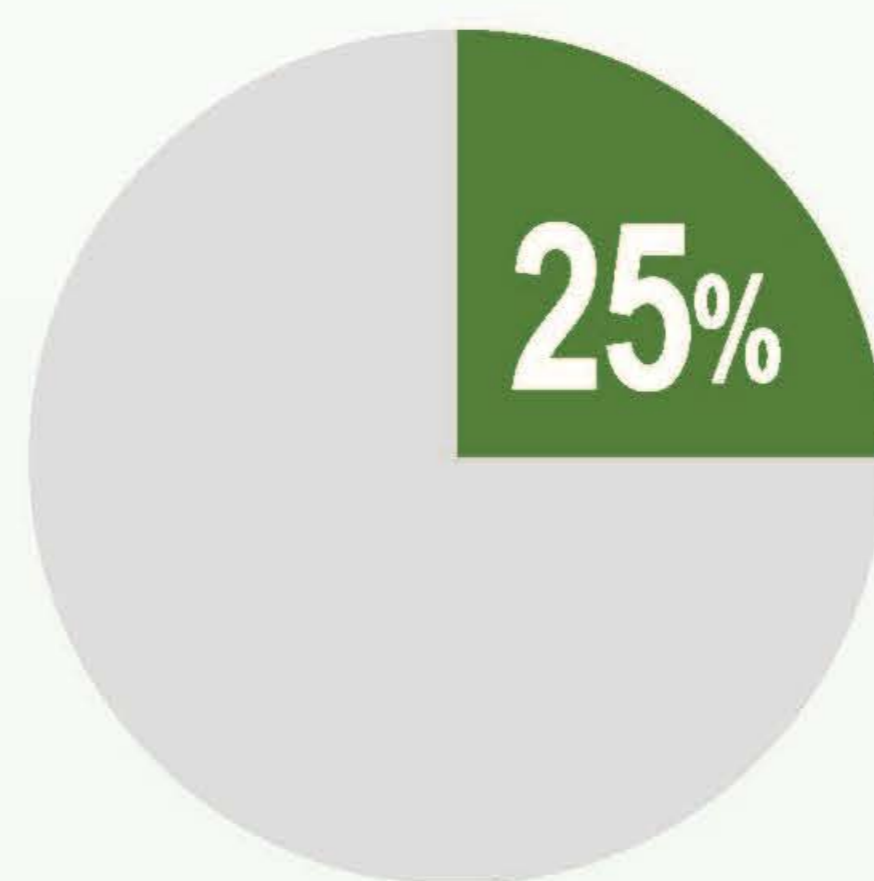
Language for Describing Percentages and Fractions



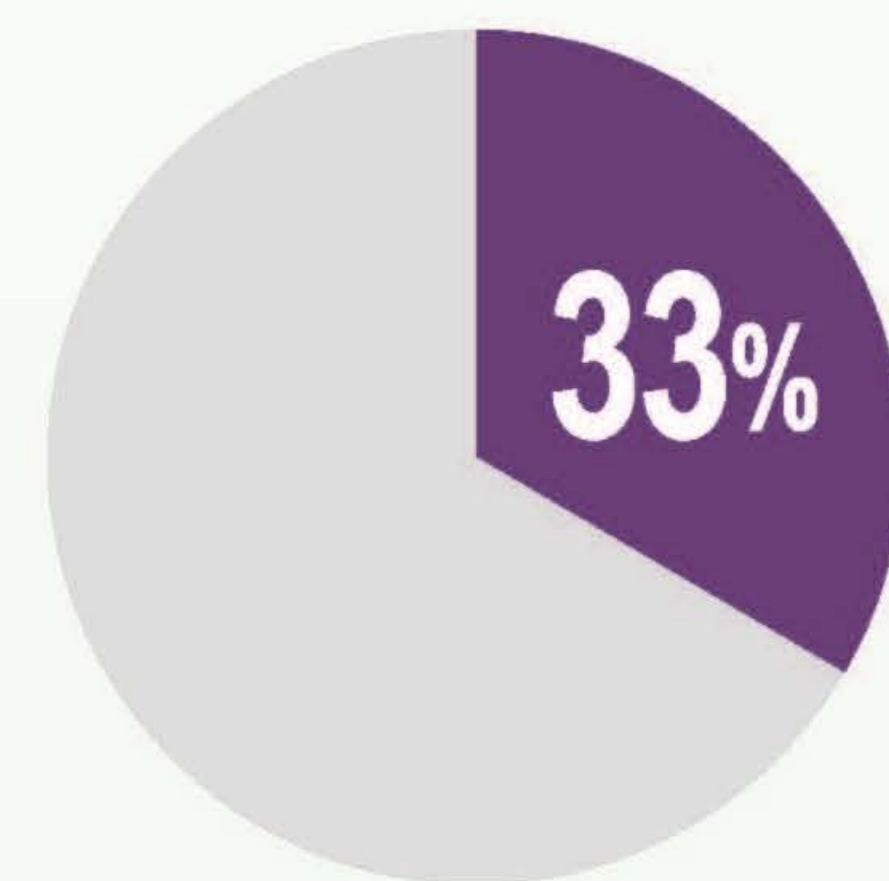
a/one fifth
(1/5)



slightly over one fifth



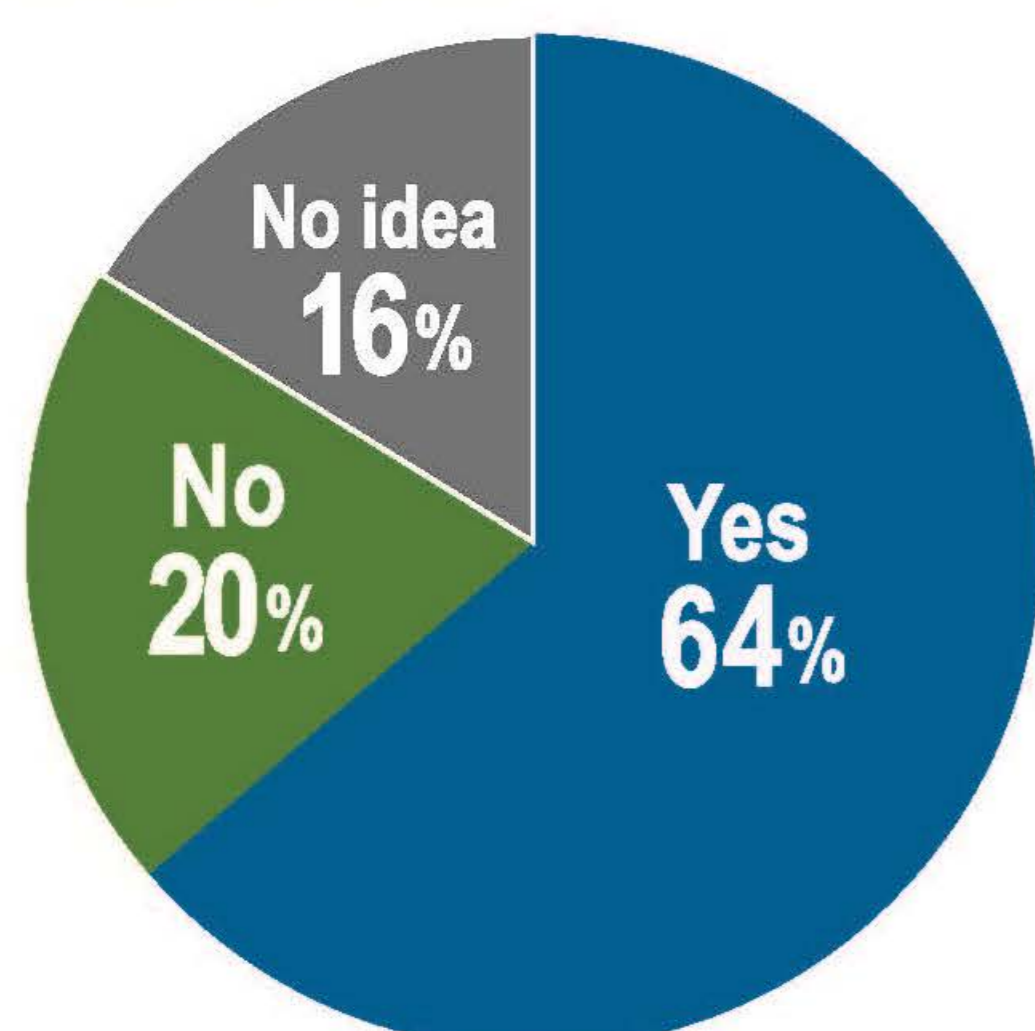
a/one quarter
(1/4)



about a/one third

Percentage	Expressions to paraphrase percentages or show approximation and proportion
90%	a vast majority
73%	a significant majority // approximately three quarters
66%	a large proportion // around two thirds
60%	well over half
39%	about/nearly/slightly under/almost two-fifths
35%	just over a third
25%	exactly/precisely a quarter
18%	(only) a small minority // slightly less than a fifth
10%	a small proportion/number // one in ten

Example



Do you like the new movie?

Is the new movie popular with the respondents?

- ✓ **About/Around/Approximately/Almost/Nearly/Slightly less than two thirds** of the respondents like the movie, while **one-fifth/a fifth** of them do not.
- ✓ The **majority** of the respondents (64%) like the new movie.
- ✓ **Well over half** of the respondents like the new movie.