

**Percent of a Number** : When you are finding the percent of a number, you are finding a **PART** of the **WHOLE** number.

### Solving % Problems with Proportions

1. Set up proportion

$$\frac{\text{is}}{\text{of}} = \frac{\%}{100} \quad \text{Or} \quad \frac{\text{Part}}{\text{Whole}} = \frac{\%}{100}$$

2. Use a variable to represent the unknown value
3. Cross multiply (butterfly wings!)
4. Solve for x
5. Check your answer!

Example: 12 is 50% of what number?

↓ what we are solving for

$$\frac{\text{is}}{\text{Of}} = \frac{\%}{100}$$

\* Fill in the template using the information given.

Cross multiply

$$\frac{12}{x} = \frac{50}{100}$$

$$\frac{50x}{50} = \frac{1200}{50}$$

$$x = 24$$