

Unit 10: FRACTIONS

Complete the gaps in the following passage with a fraction and an appropriate expression of approximation. Use each expression of approximation once.

roughly	almost
exactly	just under
more than	slightly less than
a little more than	just over
a little less than	approximately

a/one fifth (x 2)
a/one tenth (x 2)
half (x 2)
a/one quarter (x 2)
three-quarters
a/one third

Our consolidated net sales for the fourth quarter rose by ¹*roughly one fifth* (19%) to reach \$15,220,000 while net income for the same period increased by ² _____ (24%).

In terms of annual performance, even though we again managed to improve our revenue by ³ _____ (10%), we were unable to maintain last year's improvements in profitability. This was principally due to a substantial rise in the cost of commodities, which in some cases increased by ⁴ _____ (34%). If these prices had not changed, we would have been able to increase profit for the year by ⁵ _____ (11%).

Our stockholders will continue to receive dividends. However, the final payment for the year will be ⁶ _____ (48%) what we were able to pay last year.

As usual, the domestic market provided our major source of income during the year, accounting for ⁷ _____ (77%) of total sales, with export markets representing ⁸ _____ (23%).

We have extended our efforts to promote our products and to introduce new products into the range. Our advertising budget grew by ⁹ _____ (21%) and ¹⁰ _____ (49%) of this increase went towards improving brand awareness and conducting product trials.