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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the formula for calculating percent error?

Hint: Consider the relationship between experimental and theoretical values.

- $(\text{Experimental Value} - \text{Theoretical Value}) \times 100\%$
- $(\text{Theoretical Value} - \text{Experimental Value}) \times 100\%$
- $(|\text{Experimental Value} - \text{Theoretical Value}| / |\text{Theoretical Value}|) \times 100\%$
- $(|\text{Theoretical Value} - \text{Experimental Value}| / |\text{Experimental Value}|) \times 100\%$

Which of the following are components of the percent error formula?

Hint: Think about what values are necessary to calculate percent error.

- Experimental Value
- Theoretical Value
- Absolute Value
- Percentile Rank

Explain why the absolute value is used in the percent error formula.

Hint: Consider the importance of direction in error measurement.

List the steps involved in calculating percent error.

Hint: Think about the process from start to finish.

1. Step 1

2. Step 2

3. Step 3

4. Step 4

Part 2: comprehension and Application

Why is percent error expressed as a percentage?

Hint: Consider the benefits of using percentages in comparisons.

- To make it easier to compare errors of different magnitudes
- To ensure the error is always positive
- To convert the error into a decimal
- To simplify the calculation process

In which scenarios would a high percent error be considered acceptable?

Hint: Think about the context of the experiment and its precision.

- In a high-precision scientific experiment
- In a rough estimate or approximation
- When measuring with outdated equipment
- In a classroom demonstration

Calculate the percent error if the experimental value is 95 and the theoretical value is 100. Show your work.

Hint: Use the percent error formula to find the answer.

If an experiment yields an experimental value of 48 when the theoretical value is 50, what is the percent error?

Hint: Apply the percent error formula to find the answer.

- 2%
- 4%
- 5%
- 10%

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which factor is most likely to cause a large percent error in a measurement?

Hint: Consider the common sources of error in experiments.

- Human error
- Instrument precision
- Environmental conditions
- Calculation mistakes

When analyzing percent error, which of the following should be considered to understand its impact?

Hint: Think about the broader context of the experiment.

- The magnitude of the theoretical value
- The context of the experiment
- The purpose of the measurement
- The significance of the error in decision-making

Analyze a scenario where a percent error of 15% might be acceptable and explain why.

Hint: Consider situations where precision is less critical.

If two experiments have percent errors of 3% and 7%, respectively, which experiment is more accurate?

Hint: Consider the relationship between percent error and accuracy.

- The experiment with 3% error
- The experiment with 7% error
- Both are equally accurate
- Accuracy cannot be determined from percent error alone

Design an experiment where measuring percent error would be crucial. Describe the experiment and explain how you would use percent error to assess its accuracy.

Hint: Think about experiments where precision is key.