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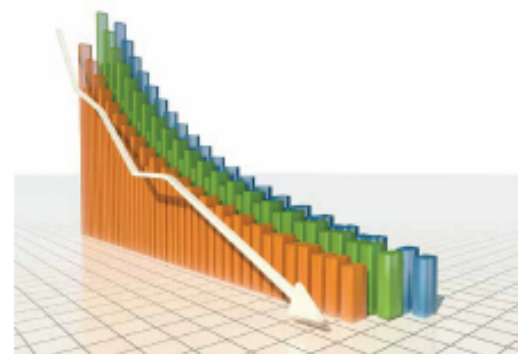
50% of People Below Average!

by a Special Correspondent.

In a major shock, it was revealed by a spokesperson that 50% of people are below average in maths. This should be of great concern as you are bombarded with statistics and figures everyday. Major decisions you make are influenced by these seemingly authoritative percentages, odds and statistics. But, do you understand them?

If you think the headline above is alarming, then you need to think a bit more about what it means. It may not be alarming at all - 50% could be above average too! Maths is important in everyday life, to find out more visit

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A graph is often impressive too!

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Question

Person A buys item A for €100 and sells it at 20% profit.
Person B buys item B for €120 and sells at a 20% loss.
Which item is cheaper?



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