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Example 1

Amy reserves a hotel room for \$45 per night. She stays for two nights and pays a sales tax of 13%. How much tax did she pay?

$$\$45 \cdot 2 = \$90$$

Find the total price for the hotel stay.

$$\$90 \cdot 0.13 = \$11.70$$

Write the tax rate as a decimal and multiply by the total price.

Amy spent \$11.70 on sales tax.

Example 2

If the sales tax rate is 6.75%, how much tax would Juan pay if he bought two CDs at \$16.99 each and one DVD for \$36.29?

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{CD: 2 at } \$16.99 \longrightarrow \$33.98 \\ \text{DVD: 1 at } \$36.29 \longrightarrow \underline{\$36.29} \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \underline{\$70.27} \qquad \qquad \textit{Total Price} \end{array}$$

$$0.0675 \cdot 70.27 = 4.743225$$

Write the tax rate as a decimal and multiply by the total price.

Juan would pay \$4.75 in sales tax.

Sales Tax

Sales tax is the tax on the sale of an item or service. It is a percent of the purchase price and is collected by the seller.

You were born in the city of _____ and the current sales tax rate is _____.