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If 15% of his students do watch their local news, then 85% do not.

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$$136 \to 85\%$$

$$\frac{136}{85} \to 1\%$$

$$\left(\frac{136}{85}\right)(100) \to 100\%$$

$$1.6(100) \to 100\%$$

$$160 \to 100\%$$

There are 160 total students in Mr. Riley's social studies classes.

2. Grandma Bailey and her children represent about 9.1% of the Bailey family. If Grandma Bailey has 12 children, how many members are there in the Bailey family?

Quantity → %
$$13 \to 9.1\%$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{9.1}\right)(13) \to 1\%$$

$$100\left(\frac{13}{9.1}\right) \to 100\%$$

$$\frac{1,300}{9.1} \to 100\%$$

$$142.857... \to 100\%$$

The Bailey family has 143 members.