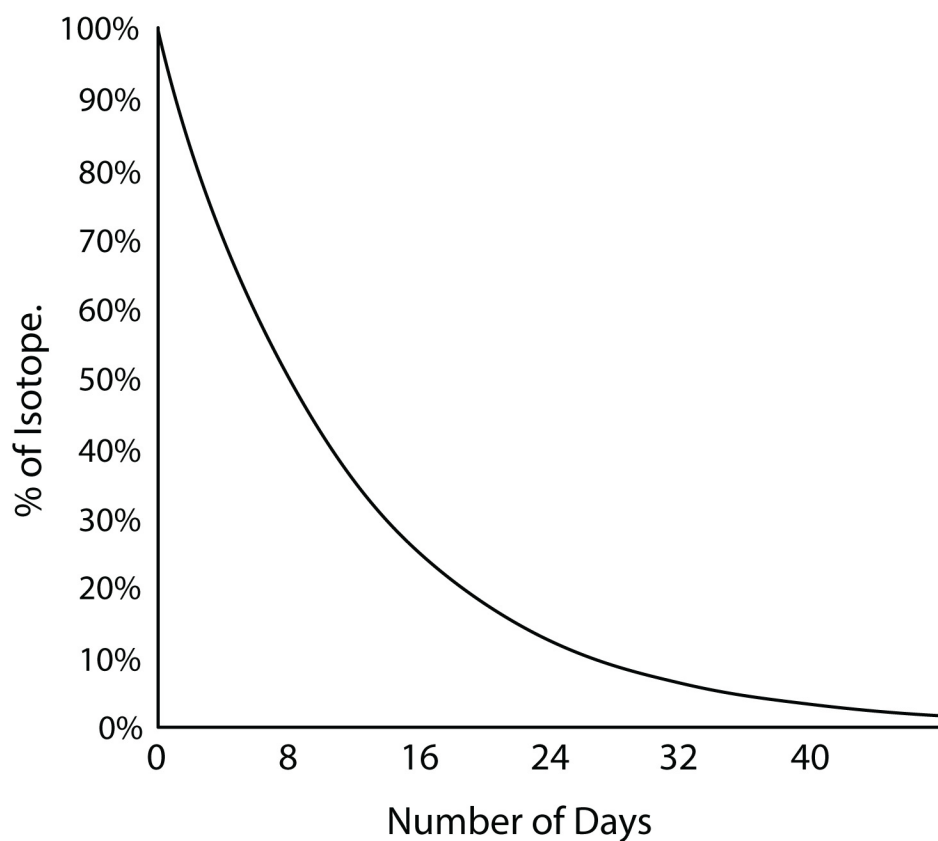


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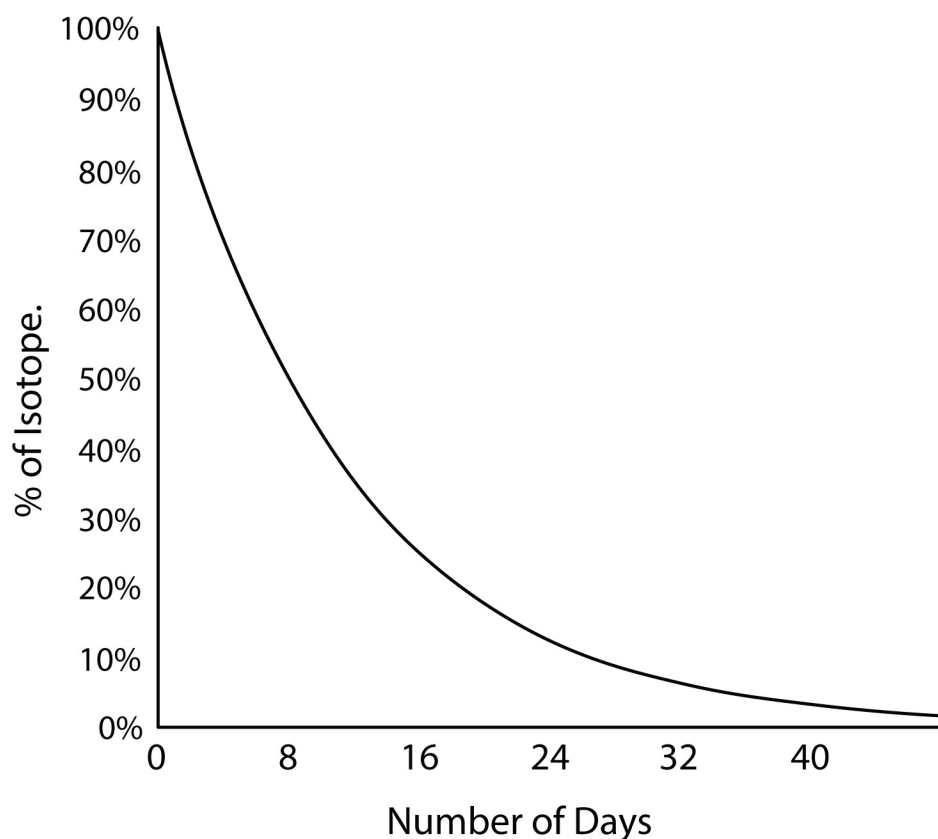


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Answers

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1. Determine the half-life of the isotope.

8 days

The graph shows that around 50% of the isotope is left at 8 days. So, the half-life of the isotope is 8 days.

2. How much of the isotope is left after 40 days?

3.125%

This will be determined from the graph.

3. How many half-lives has the isotope passed through after 24 days?

3 half-lives

We have already determined that the isotope has a half-life of 8 days. So after 24 days, the number of half-lives it has passed through is $= 24/8 = 3$