A simple example might be using the scores of the 5 people taking a test; the results were:

86, 73, 54, 42, and 21

If you scored 73 , there are 3 scores out of the total of 5 that scored below you, $\frac{3}{5}=60 \%$, that would be the $60^{\text {th }}$ percentile. You scored above $60 \%$ of the people taking the test.

