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"In a random sample of 100 trees from a particular forest, forty percent were shown to have some damage. Which of the following statements is correct?"—AP Statistics

That my daughter has powdered sugar
on her lip, that I tell her over and over
to wash the blood out of the panties, cold
water, cold, *hot stains*, that I left this
poem to put the laundry in the dryer, the other
in the wash, that forty percent of women
have had abortions, have left engineering, have
less than one hundred dollars in their savings, are
social science majors, hair loss sufferers, feel
forced to suffer abuse when working in the fast
food industry, say they would consider cosmetic
surgery sometime in the future, forty percent
Venus, sixty percent Mars, that a recurrence is most likely
in the first five years, that a lump may be fat
necrosis, may be scar tissue, may be benign,
benignant, is that a word, how many words
do you not know, can't count that high, can't count, wasn't
ready, or am, or may never be, circle all that apply