The Ups And Downs of the Stock Market

1. Find the percent of increase or decrease for each of the following stocks:

a. Visto Networks, Inc.  
   Purchase Price = 20.75  Current Price = 43.625

b. Time Warner  
   Purchase Price = 7.5  Current Price = 9.175

c. Microsoft  
   Price = 22  Current Price = 25.22

d. Amazon.com  
   Purchase Price = 11.5  Current Price = 9.85

e. Dell Computers  
   Purchase Price = 71.5  Current Price = 68.45

f. Ford  
   Purchase Price = 31.5  Current Price = 18.375

g. Sears  
   Purchase Price = 61.5  Current Price = 68.375

Based on this sample, was it a good day for stocks?

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Answer Key

a. 110.24%

b. 22.33%

c. 14.63%

d. -14.35%

e. -4.27%

f. -41.67%

g. 11.18%

Bonus: More winners than losers, so it was a good day for the market.