

Nitric Acid: Fact file

World production	60 million tonnes per year
UK production	20 million tonnes per year
Manufacture	The Ostwald process
Raw material	Ammonia, air, water

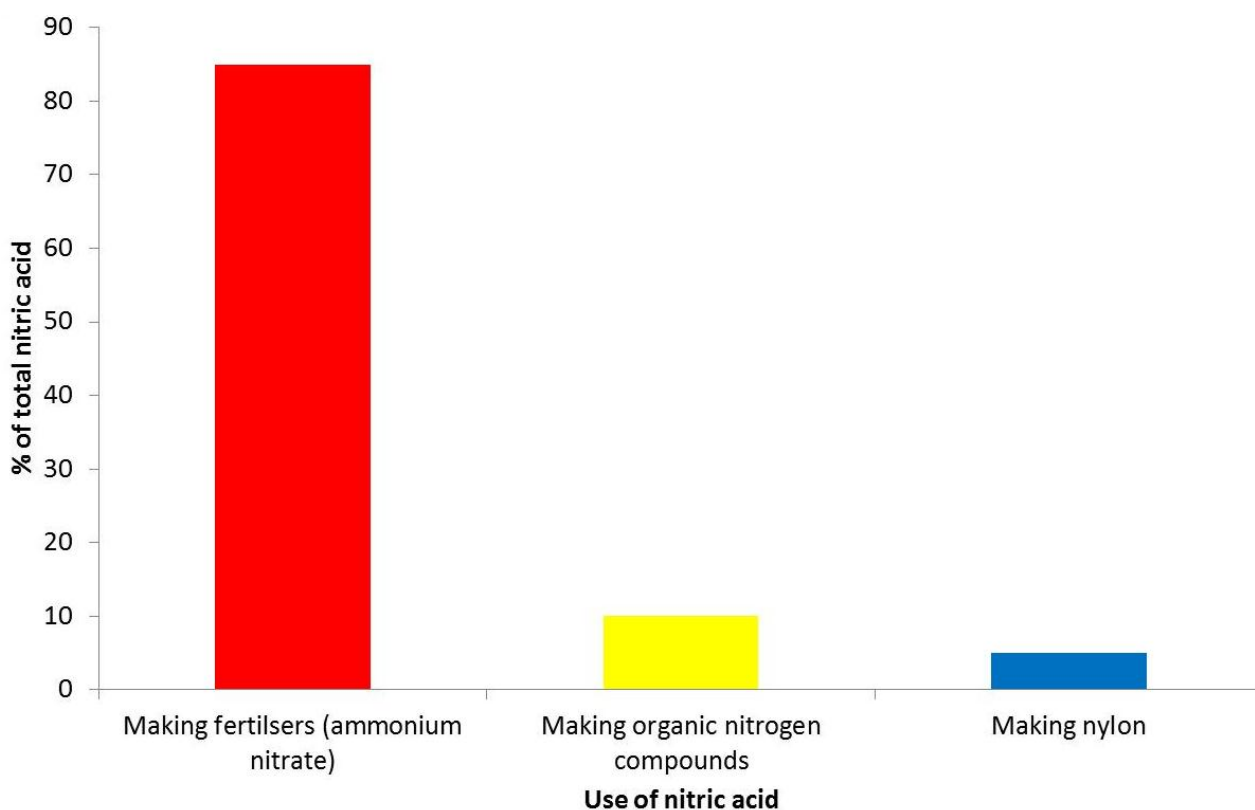


Figure: Chart to show the percentage amount of nitric acid used for different sectors.

Table: Table to show the percentage amount of nitric acid used for different sectors (as shown above).

	Making fertilisers (ammonium nitrate)	85%
	Making organic nitrogen compounds (eg for plastics and explosives)	10%
	Making nylon	5%