Estimating sums and differences



Round the numbers to the leading digit. Estimate the sum or difference.

$$3,576 \rightarrow 4,000$$

 $+ 1,307 \rightarrow +1,000$
is about $5,000$

$$\begin{array}{r}
198,248 \rightarrow 200,000 \\
-116,431 \rightarrow -1,00,000 \\
\hline
\text{is about} & 100,000
\end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{c}
685 \rightarrow \\
+ 489 \rightarrow \\
\hline
\text{is about}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
21,481 \rightarrow \\
-12,500 \rightarrow \\
\hline
\text{is about}
\end{array}$$

$$7,834 \rightarrow$$

$$+ 3,106 \rightarrow$$
is about

$$682,778 \rightarrow + 130,001 \rightarrow is about$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
58,499 \rightarrow \\
-22,135 \rightarrow \\
\hline
\text{is about}
\end{array}$$

$$902,276 \rightarrow -615,999 \rightarrow is about$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
46,801 \rightarrow \\
+ 34,700 \rightarrow \\
\hline
\text{is about}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
9,734 \rightarrow \\
-8,306 \rightarrow \\
\hline
\text{is about}
\end{array}$$

$$65,606 \rightarrow + 85,943 \rightarrow$$
is about

$$\begin{array}{c}
5,218 \rightarrow \\
-3,673 \rightarrow \\
\hline
\text{is about}
\end{array}$$

$$745 \rightarrow + 451 \rightarrow$$
is about

$$337,297 \rightarrow -168,931 \rightarrow is about$$

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Round the numbers to the leading digit. Estimate the sum or difference.

$$\begin{array}{c}
685 \rightarrow 700 \\
+ 489 \rightarrow +500 \\
\hline
\text{is about}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
1,200$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
21,481 \rightarrow & 20,000 \\
-12,500 \rightarrow & -10,000 \\
\hline
\text{is about} & 10,000
\end{array}$$

$$7,834 \rightarrow 8,000$$

 $+3,106 \rightarrow +3,000$
is about 11,000

$$\begin{array}{c} 682,778 \to & 700,000 \\ + & 130,001 \to & + 100,000 \\ \hline \text{is about} & 800,000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
58,499 \to & 60,000 \\
-22,135 \to & -20,000 \\
\hline
\text{is about} & 40,000
\end{array}$$

$$902,276 \rightarrow 900,000$$

 $-615,999 \rightarrow -600,000$
is about 300,000

$$\begin{array}{c}
46,801 \to 50,000 \\
+ 34,700 \to + 30,000 \\
\hline
\text{is about} & 80,000
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
9,734 \to & 10,000 \\
-8,306 \to & -8,000 \\
\hline
\text{is about} & 2,000
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
65,606 \rightarrow & 70,000 \\
+85,943 \rightarrow & +90,000 \\
\hline
\text{is about} & 160,000
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
5,218 \to & 5,000 \\
-3,673 \to & -4,000 \\
\hline
\text{is about} & 1,000
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
745 \rightarrow & 700 \\
+ 451 \rightarrow & +500 \\
\hline
\text{is about} & 1,200
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
337,297 \rightarrow 300,000 \\
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\hline
\text{is about} 100,000
\end{array}$$

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In section 2, children need to think about their estimates more carefully if the estimate is very close to the number on the right side of the equation. Have them look at the numbers in the next place to the right to adjust their estimates up or down.



