

Estimating sums and differences



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$$\begin{array}{r} 65,606 \rightarrow \\ + 85,943 \rightarrow \\ \hline \text{is about } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5,218 \rightarrow \\ - 3,673 \rightarrow \\ \hline \text{is about } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 337,297 \rightarrow \\ - 168,931 \rightarrow \\ \hline \text{is about } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array}$$

Write < or > for each problem.

$329 + 495 \quad \square \quad 800$

$11,569 - 6,146 \quad \square \quad 6,000$

$563 - 317 \quad \square \quad 300$

$8,193 - 6,668 \quad \square \quad 1,000$

$41,924 - 12,445 \quad \square \quad 50,000$

$634,577 + 192,556 \quad \square \quad 800,000$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 685 \rightarrow 700 \\ + 489 \rightarrow +500 \\ \hline \text{is about } \underline{1,200} \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 682,778 \rightarrow 700,000 \\ + 130,001 \rightarrow +100,000 \\ \hline \text{is about } \underline{800,000} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 58,499 \rightarrow 60,000 \\ - 22,135 \rightarrow -20,000 \\ \hline \text{is about } \underline{40,000} \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 9,734 \rightarrow 10,000 \\ - 8,306 \rightarrow -8,000 \\ \hline \text{is about } \underline{2,000} \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} 5,218 \rightarrow 5,000 \\ - 3,673 \rightarrow -4,000 \\ \hline \text{is about } \underline{1,000} \end{array}$$

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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.