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Mathematics

Problem Solving: Estimating Sums and Differences

Read each problem carefully. Then **estimate the sum or difference**. Show your working.

Example: Franklyn has 14 red marbles and 25 blue marbles. Estimate how many marbles he has in all.

$14 + 25$ ← round these numbers to the nearest ten

$\underline{10} + \underline{30} = \underline{40}$

1. Mom baked 36 cupcakes. We ate 24 of them. Estimate how many cupcakes are left.

   _____   _____ = _____

2. Valenne scored 56 points in a video game. Cyarrah scored 72 points. Estimate how many points they scored in total.

   _____   _____ = _____

Hint	
The clue word **about** means to estimate the answer by rounding the numbers before adding or subtracting	

3. Rodney read 27 books in January and 18 books in February. **About** how many books did he read in all?

_____   _____ = _____

4. Dad caught 78 fish. I caught 53 fish. **About** how many fewer fish did I catch than Dad?

_____   _____ = _____