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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.

$$\underline{\quad} - \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$

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

$$\underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$

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?

$$\underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$

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

$$\underline{\quad} - \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$