

Guided Practice

Subtract. Use addition to check your answer.

1.
$$\begin{array}{r} 5.5 \\ - 3.2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Estimate $6 - 3 = \underline{\quad}$

So, $5.5 - 3.2 = \underline{\quad}$

Check

$\underline{\quad} + 3.2 = 5.5$

2.
$$\begin{array}{r} \square \square \square \\ 72.4 \\ - 12.5 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Estimate $70 - 10 = \underline{\quad}$

So, $72.4 - 12.5 = \underline{\quad}$

Check

$\underline{\quad} + 12.5 = 72.4$

Explain the strategy used in Exercise 1 to subtract the decimals.

