

ESTIMATION

Estimation is the process of **rounding a number either up or down to the nearest place value** requested. Estimation makes it easier to perform mathematical operations quickly.

How to use estimation:

- The rule for estimating numbers is **based on what place value the number is to be rounded**. Once it is determined what place value a number is to be rounded, look at the number to the right of the place value. If this number is 5 or higher, **round up**. If this number is 4 or below, **round down**.

Example:

Round **352** to the nearest hundred → 352

Check the number to the right of the underlined digit. If it is 5 or higher, round up → 400

- If you round to the nearest hundred if a number is usually rounded to the nearest hundred.
- Estimation is usually used in division, and also with finding the area, perimeter and circumference.

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1. Estimate 464 to the nearest hundred.
2. Estimate 18% of 200.
3. Estimate the cost of two items that cost \$1.83 each.
4. Estimate the area of a rectangle with a length of 54 and a width of 23.
5. Estimate how many pencils 22 children would get if there were 239 pencils in all.