

**Mental math ideas**

- 1)  $7 \times \$8.99$ . Since  $\$8.99$  is just one cent less than  $\$9$ , first calculate  $7 \times \$9$ , and subtract from that  $7 \times 1$  cent. Result \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2)  $6 \times \$4.05$ . Just multiply separately the dollars and cents:  $6 \times \$4$  is  $\$24$ , and  $6 \times 5$  cents is 30 cents. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3)  $4 \times \$3.25$ . Multiply dollars and cents separately. Remember  $4 \times 25$  cents is 1 whole dollar. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4)  $5 \times \$6.25$ . Multiply dollars and cents separately. Since  $4 \times 25$  cents is 1 dollar, then  $5 \times 25$  cents make  $\$1.25$ . Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5)  $2 \times \$1.75$ . Two times 75 cents is  $\$1.50$ . Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6)  $4 \times \$3.75$ . Calculate  $4 \times \$4$ , and subtract from that  $4 \times 25$  cents. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7)  $\$100 - \$34.57$ . Subtract each of the digits 3, 4, and 5 from 9. The last one, 7, subtract from 10. To see the reason for this rule, subtract in columns and do all the borrowings.
- 8)  $\$10 - \$5.38$ . Subtract the digits 5 and 3 from 9. The last one, 8, subtract from 10. Result \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Subtraction itself may be easier by thinking of the difference or "adding up to". For example  $\$10 - \$3.76$ . Difference of 3 and 9 - six. Difference of 7 and 9 - two. Difference of 6 and 10 - four. Result \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 10)  $\$1 - \$0.73$ . Subtract or find the difference of 7 and 9. The last one, 3, subtract from 10. Result \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. Find the change for items with these prices. Use the mental math rule "Subtract all digits from 9 except the last one from 10."

<u>from \$10:</u>	<u>from \$10:</u>	<u>from \$10:</u>	<u>from \$100:</u>	<u>from \$100:</u>
a. \$4.76	d. \$1.56	g. \$7.65	j. \$14.76	m. \$24.35
b. \$2.38	e. \$1.99	h. \$8.30	k. \$22.90	n. \$81.95
c. \$9.23	f. \$2.45	i. \$2.55	l. \$34.50	o. \$45.54

11. Word problems.

a. A pencil costs  $\$0.45$ , an eraser  $\$0.30$ , and a pencil sharpener  $\$0.30$ . What is the cost of all three?

You give  $\$5$  for the purchase. What is your change?