

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 7×1 cent. Result \$ _____

2) $6 \times \$4.05$. Just multiply separately the dollars and cents: $6 \times \$4$ is $\$24$, and 6×5 cents is 30 cents. Total \$ _____

3) $4 \times \$3.25$. Multiply dollars and cents separately. Remember 4×25 cents is 1 whole dollar. Total \$ _____

4) $5 \times \$6.25$. Multiply dollars and cents separately. Since 4×25 cents is 1 dollar, then 5×25 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 4×25 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."

from \$10:

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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?