

2. Round to the nearest...

Number	8,419,289,387	12,238,994,038	3,459,994,920	2,203,845,108
...ten million				
...hundred million				
...billion				

3. Round to the place of the underlined digit. Be careful with the nines!

a. $299,724 \approx$ _____

b. $1,399,956 \approx$ _____

c. $698,999,865 \approx$ _____

d. $499,998,325 \approx$ _____

To estimate, round the numbers in such a way that *you* can calculate the estimate in your head, depending on your mental math skills. Often this means rounding the numbers to the largest place. Compare the two estimates below.

Estimate 1

$27 \times 3,910$

$\approx 30 \times 4,000 = 120,000$

Both numbers are rounded to the largest place they have (tens; thousands). The multiplication is easy (essentially a single-digit multiplication of 3×4).

Estimate 2

$27 \times 3,910$

$\approx 25 \times 4,000 = 100,000$

Since 3,910 is rounded up, we round 27 *down* to 25. This will lessen the error of estimation in a *multiplication* problem. However, that would not happen with a subtraction or division.

4. Estimate the result using mental math and rounded numbers. Then find the exact value using a calculator.

Lastly, find the error of estimation, which is the difference between your estimate and the exact answer.



a. $2,384 \times 19,384$

Estimation:

Exact:

Error of estimation:

b. $345 \times 61,852$

Estimation:

Exact:

Error of estimation:

c. $124,012 - 16 \times 2,910$

Estimation:

Exact:

Error of estimation:

d. $25,811 \div 487$

Estimation:

Exact:

Error of estimation: