

Parent Help Card

"About Estimate"



Example

Ms. Shannon brought a box of stickers to school on Monday. On Tuesday, she gave 19 stickers to the Math Club students. On Wednesday, she gave 28 stickers to the students who finished their projects early. On Thursday, she had 11 stickers left in her box. About how many stickers did Ms. Shannon start with on Monday?

- a) about 40 stickers
- b) about 50 stickers

- c) about 60 stickers
- d) about 80 stickers

Step 1

Decide what operation you need to use to solve this problem. And solve the actual problem. $19+28+11=58$ actual stickers

Step 2

Ask yourself what place are we rounding?

Step 3

We are rounding to the nearest 10's place. Write the two 10's place number that our answer falls between.

50 to 60

Step 4

Write our actual answer and underline the 10's place. Draw an arrow to the number next door. What number is our actual number closest to, 50 or 60?

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58 50 to 60

More Strategies

Rules:

0, 1, 2, 3, 4 round down; 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 round up
5 or more raise the score; 4 or less let it rest

Song:

Find you place
CHA CHA CHA
Go next door
CHA CHA CHA
UP or Down?

Now you try...

Barbara bought 3 blouses on Saturday. Two of the blouses cost \$10 each. The third blouse cost \$18. Before taxes are added, what is a good estimate for the total cost of the three blouses?

- a) \$20
- b) \$30
- c) \$40
- d) \$50