

Estimating Difference



You can estimate a difference by first rounding the minuend and subtrahend. Then subtract the rounded numbers to get a difference that is close to the exact difference. The steps are same as that of addition.

Let us understand with an example:

Example: Estimate the difference between 219 and 17.

Solution: 219 nearest ten is 220.

17 nearest ten is 20.

Estimated difference is $220 - 20 = 200$

Now check whether the estimated answer is closer to the actual answer.

$219 - 17 = 202$

202 nearest ten is 200.