

# Estimate Differences

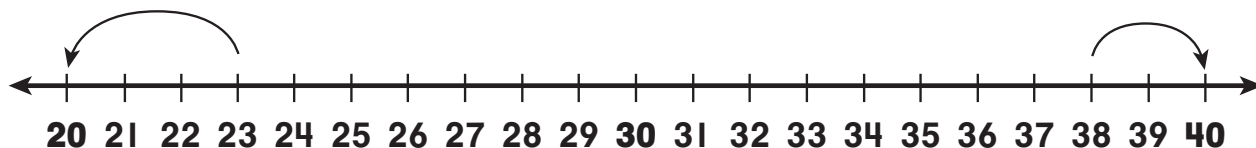
**CA Standards**  
NS 6.0, NS 2.0

When you do not need an exact answer,  
you can estimate.

Estimate the difference for  $38 - 23$ .

**Step 1**

Round each number to the nearest ten.



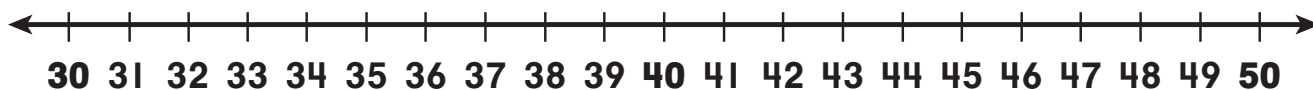
38 is closer to 40.      23 is closer to 20.

**Step 2**

Subtract the tens to estimate the difference.

$$40 - 20 = 20$$

Round each number to the nearest ten. Estimate  
the difference.



1.  $46 - 32 =$

\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

2.  $41 - 27 =$

\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_



**Writing and Reasoning** If I estimate a difference  
and get 0, what is the most the real difference can be?

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