Vocabulary: Estimating Sums and Differences



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* Difference – the result of subtracting numbers.
	+ The difference of 5 and 3 is 2 because 5 – 3 = 2.
	+ The difference of  and  is  because  –  = .
* Estimate – a rough calculation or best guess.
	+ A good estimate allows you to do an easy calculation in your head, and is reasonably close to the exact answer.
	+ For example, an estimate of 10.34 + 4.87 is 10 + 5, or 15.
* Sum – the result of adding numbers.
	+ The sum of 5 and 3 is 8 because 5 + 3 = 8.
	+ The sum of  and  is  because  +  = .