



## 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  $\frac{9}{10}$  and  $\frac{2}{10}$  is  $\frac{7}{10}$  because  $\frac{9}{10} - \frac{2}{10} = \frac{7}{10}$ .
- 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  $\frac{2}{9}$  and  $\frac{3}{9}$  is  $\frac{5}{9}$  because  $\frac{2}{9} + \frac{3}{9} = \frac{5}{9}$ .

