

Estimate Sums: Word Problems

During the spring planting season, Melinda spent \$102 on seeds and plants for her vegetable garden. Throughout the summer, she spent \$279 on gardening tools and fertilizer. About how much money did Melinda spend on her garden this year? Choose the best estimate.

1. \$200 \$300
 \$400 \$450

Jonathan was writing a report on animal adoption. He found out that the local animal shelter had adopted 427 dogs and 371 cats since it opened. About how many pets did the animal shelter adopt? Choose the best estimate.

2. 700 800
 900 950

The school librarian spent \$624 on new computer equipment for the library. He spent \$315 on new non-fiction books. About how much money did he spend on new things for the library? Choose the best estimate.

3. \$600 \$700
 \$800 \$900

Two third-grade classes are trying to earn 1,000 points in their computer-reading program this month. Mrs. Redson's class has earned 486 points and Mr. Bryant's class has earned 411 points. About how many points have the classes earned together? Choose the best estimate.

4. 800 900
 950 1,000

On Tuesday, 295 people attended the first basketball game at a school. On Friday, 364 people attended the second game. About how many people attended the basketball games in that week? Choose the best estimate.

5. 500 600
 700 800

High school students were selling raffle tickets to raise money for a dance. The eleventh grade students sold 338 tickets and the twelfth grade students sold 501 tickets. About how many raffle tickets were sold? Choose the best estimate.

6. 700 800
 900 1,000

A musical instrument company shipped 417 instruments to schools in the state of New York. Then, they shipped 280 instruments to schools in the state of Georgia. About how many instruments did the company ship? Choose the best estimate.

7. 600 700
 750 800

Danielle ordered special M&M's for her birthday party. One package contained 355 red ones. The other package contained 295 blue ones. About how many M&M's does Danielle have for her party? Choose the best estimate.

8. 600 700
 750 800

Large high schools in Green County hold their graduation ceremonies at the City Civic Center. On Thursday, 265 students graduated from School A. On Friday, 311 students graduated from School B. About how many students graduated in total in that week? Choose the best estimate.

9. 400 500
 600 650

At a carnival, Sunny and Pablo were playing games. In one game, Sunny scored 550 points. In the same game, Pablo scored 625 points. About how many points did the children score in total? Choose the best estimate.

10. 900 1,000
 1,100 1,200

A gardener is buying plants to put in a large flower garden. He bought 32 plants from one plant nursery and 46 plants from another. About how many plants did he buy? Choose the best estimate.

11. 60 70
 80 90

In May, Josh saw 56 dogs at his veterinary clinic. In June, he saw 41 dogs. About how many dogs did Josh see in the two months? Choose the best estimate.

12. 70 80
 90 100

Olivia had saved \$68 from babysitting earnings. For her birthday, she received \$55. About how much money does she have now? Choose the best estimate.

13. \$130 \$135
 \$140 \$150

Jose spent 35 minutes on his homework on Saturday, and 22 minutes on his homework on Sunday. About how many minutes did Jose spend doing homework over the weekend? Choose the best estimate.

14. 50 60
 65 70

In the first half of the soccer season, the Fairview Flash scored 28 goals. In the second half of the season, they scored 39 goals. About how many goals did they score this soccer season? Choose the best estimate.

15. 50 60
 70 80