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Mental Math Strategies

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Add or subtract by breaking apart the numbers in the problems.

46 + 38 =

46 + 38 = 78 Add the tens to both numbers.

847 - 323 =

847 - 323 = 524 Subtract the hundreds in both numbers.

61 + 14 = 75 Add the tens to both numbers.

42 - 20 = 22 Subtract the tens in both numbers.

70 + 14 = 84 Add the tens of ones and tens.

7 - 3 = 4 Subtract the ones in both numbers.

So, 46 + 38 = 84.

500 - 20 + 4 = 524 Add the ones.
So, 847 - 323 = 524.

Add or subtract by using compensation.

167 + 127 =

82 - 47 =

167 + 100 = 267 Add 2 to get to easier 100.

82 - 50 = 32 Add 2 to get to easier 100.

267 - 3 = 264 Subtract 3 from the ones to compensate for adding 2.

32 + 2 = 35 Add 2 to the difference to compensate for adding 2 ones.

So, 167 + 127 = 264.

So, 82 - 47 = 35.

Add or subtract mentally. Use breaking apart.

1. 349
+ 298

2. 47
+ 39

3. 69
- 37

4. 349
- 218

5. 832
- 411

6. 549 + 120 = _____

7. 362 - 105 = _____

8. 456 + 362 = _____

9. 314 + 120 = _____

10. 437 + 210 = _____

11. 739 - 420 = _____

Add or subtract mentally. Use compensation.

12. 459 + 26 = _____

13. 548 - 28 = _____

14. 728 + 40 = _____

15. 940 - 29 = _____

16. 429 + 396 = _____

17. 825 - 299 = _____