Mental calculation strategies (+ and -)

As outcomes, Year 5 pupils should, for example:

For example, work out mentally by counting up from the smaller to the larger number:

• 705 - 287, 8006 - 2993

For example, work out mentally that:

- 324 + 58 = 382 because it is 320 + 50 = 370 and 4 + 8 = 12, or 370 + 12 = 382, or it is 324 + 50 + 8 = 374 + 8 = 382;
- 428 43 = 428 40 3 = 388 3 = 385, or it is 430 - 45 = 430 - 40 - 5 = 390 - 5 = 385.

For example, work out mentally that:

• 1.5 + 1.6 = 3.1 double 1.5 plus 0.1.

Continue to add/subtract 9, 19, 29... or 11, 21, 31... by adding/subtracting 10, 20, 30... then adjusting by 1.

- 458 + 71 = 529because it is the same as 458 + 70 + 1;
- 583 71 = 512 because it is the same as 583 70 1.

As outcomes, Year 6 pupils should, for example:

For example, work out mentally by counting up from the smaller to the larger number:

• 8000 - 2785 is 5 + 10 + 200 + 5000 = 5215

 421 + 387 = 808 double 400 plus 21 minus 13.

For example, work out mentally that:

Add/subtract 0.9, 1.9, 2.9... or 1.1, 2.1, 3.1... by adding or subtracting 1, 2, 3... then adjusting by 0.1.

For example, work out mentally that:

- 274 + 96 = 370 because it is 274 + 100 4 = 374 4 = 370;
- 4005 1997 = 2008 because it is 4005 - 2000 + 3 = 2005 + 3 = 2008.

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