Choosing Methods

Learning Objective:

problems, including mental methods.

To be able to choose a method for solving addition and subtraction





How many different methods could you use to solve it? What are they?

Have a look at the addition problem on the next slide.









Can you use expanded column addition?

Can you use vertical column addition?

What would be the best method to use to solve this calculation?

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Can you do it mentally?

15,470 + 3,991

Can you use rounding and adjustment?







15,470 + 3,991 = 19,461

Did you use the vertical column method? Why?



1	5	4	7	0
╋	3	9	9	1
1	9	4	6	1
	1	1		



Can you use expanded column addition?

291,364 + 7,899

Can you use vertical column addition?

What would be the best method to use to solve this calculation?

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Can you do it mentally?

Can you use rounding and adjustment?









291,364 + 7,899 = 299,263

291,364 + 7,899 = 291,364 + (7,899 + 100 + 1) - 100 - 1 = 291,364 + (7,999 + 1) - 100 - 1 = 291,364 + 8,000 - 100 - 1

= 299,264 - 1 = 299,263 I added 101 to make 8,000 so I also need to remember to take it away!







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Which methods would you use to solve each of these number sentences? Why?





53,000 + 40,200 = 93,200







These addition problems do not involve bridging. They can be solved using mental methods.







37,960 + 21,476 = 59,436

- 37,960 + 21,476
- =(37,960 + 40) + 21,476 40= 38,000 + 21,476 - 40
- = 59,476 40
- = 59,436

Adding 40 to the first number in this addition problem makes it much easier to solve.

Rounding and adjustment

802,506 + 4,999 = 807,505

802,506 + 4,999 = 802,506 + (4,999 + 1) - 1= 802,506 + 5,000 - 1

- = 807,506 1
- = 807,505

Adding one to the first number in this addition problem makes it much easier to solve.





Column addition

793,145 + 68,523 = 861,668

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7	9	3	1	4	5				9	0	6	2	3	
╋	6	8	5	2	3				+	8	4	5	9	
8	6	1	6	6	8				9	9	0	8	2	
1	1									1		1		
Both of these addition problems involve bridging and carrying numbers. Using the column method means you are less likely to make a mistake.														

8,459 + 90,623 = 99,082





How many different methods could you use to solve it? What are they?

Have a look at the subtraction problem on the next slide.



Can you use expanded column subtraction?

60,485 - 3,248

Can you use vertical column subtraction?

What would be the best method to use to solve this calculation?

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Can you do it mentally?

Can you use equals addition?





60,485 - 3,248 = 57,2378 4 2 2 3

Did you use the vertical column method? Why?





Can you use expanded column subtraction?

319,457 - 6,989

Can you use vertical column subtraction?

What would be the best method to use to solve this calculation?

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Can you do it mentally?

Can you use equals addition?









319,457 - 6,989 = 312,468

319,457 - 6,989 = (319,457 + 11) - (6,989 + 11) = 319,468 - 7,000 = 312,468

I added 11 to 6,989 to make 7,000. To ensure I got the right answer I also needed to add 11 to 319,457!











Which methods would you use to solve each of these number sentences? Why?





Did you get the correct answers? Click on each method if you want to see how the problems were solved!



607,200 - 200,200 = 407,000





These subtraction problems do not involve exchanging. They can be solved using mental methods.





69,543 - 4,998 = 64,545

69,543 - 4,998

= (69,543 + 2) - (4,998 + 2)= 69,545 - 5,000

= 64,545



Adding two to both numbers in this subtraction problem makes it much easier to solve.

Equals addition

348,647 - 2,996 = 345,651

348,647 - 2,996 = (348,647 + 4) - (2,996 + 4) = 348,651 - 3,000 = 345,651



Adding four to both numbers in this subtraction problem makes it much easier to solve.







Column addition

567,284 - 371,162 = 196,122



84,673 - 2,668 = 82,005

				6	1	
	8	4	6	7	3	
		2	6	6	8	
	8	2	0	0	5	

Both of these subtraction problems involve exchanging numbers. Using the column method means you are less likely to make a mistake.







How could you add up all the whole numbers from 1 to 100?

$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 \dots 97 + 98 + 99 + 100 =$

How long do you think this would take you? Is there a method you could use to help you?



Challenge!





One day, a boy called Karl Gauss and his class were given this problem by their teacher. The teacher hoped it would take them a while to work so that he could have a snooze at the back of the class. However, before the rest of the class had even written out the question, Gauss had solved it.



The answer is 5,050 Sir!

He was right! His teacher was amazed and asked him how he worked it out.



Here is how Gauss arrived at his answer so quickly. He noticed that in the series of numbers 1 + 2 + 3 + 4... 97 + 98 + 99 + 100, the sum of pairs of numbers from each end, and working in toward the middle, all came to the same value: 101.

Since there are fifty pairs of these numbers in the series 1 to 100, Gauss reasoned that the sum of all the numbers would be 50 times 101 or 5,050.

In other words, 1 + 100, 2 + 99, 3 + 98, 4 + 97, etc. all equal 101.

Karl Gauss (1777–1855)







Karl Gauss went on to become one of the most famous mathematicians of all time.

> Did you work out the answer like I did?! If so, maybe you will become a famous mathematician too!



