Estimate Products by 2-Digit Numbers

You can use rounding and compatible numbers to estimate products.

Use mental math and rounding to estimate the product.

Estimate. $62 \times \$23$

Step 1 Round each factor to the nearest ten. 62 rounds to 60. \$23 rounds to \$20.

Step 2 Rewrite the problem using the rounded numbers. $60 \times \$20$

Step 3 Use mental math. $6 \times \$2 = \12 $6 \times \$20 = \120

 $60 \times \$20 = \$1,200$

So, $62 \times \$23$ is about \$1,200.

Use mental math and compatible numbers to estimate the product.

Estimate. 24×78

Step 1 Use compatible numbers. 25×80

Step 2 Use $25 \times 4 = 100$ to help find 25×8 . $25 \times 8 = 200$

Step 3 Since 80 has 1 zero, write 1 zero to the right of the product.

So, 24×78 is about 2,000.

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24 \times 78 \\
\downarrow \qquad \downarrow \\
25 \times 80 = 2,000
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Estimate the product. Choose a method.