

Mental Math

Use the properties of operations and mental strategies to compute.

Commutative Property: The order in which numbers are added or multiplied does not affect the sum or product.

Associative Property: The way in which numbers are grouped to be added or multiplied does not affect the sum or product.

Break apart the numbers:

Add the tens, add the ones, then add the sums together.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 47 + 83 \\
 (40 + 7) + (80 + 3) \\
 (40 + 80) + (7 + 3) \\
 120 + 10 \\
 130
 \end{array}$$

Look for multiples of 10 or 100.

Multiply numbers having a product of 10 or 100 first. Then multiply the other number.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 20 \times 6 \times 5 \\
 (20 \times 5) \times 6 \\
 100 \times 6 \\
 600
 \end{array}$$

Use compensation.

Add to make a round number, then subtract that number from the sum.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 537 + 295 \\
 (295 + 5) = 300 \\
 537 + 300 = 837 \\
 837 - 5 = 832
 \end{array}$$

Be sure to add and subtract the same number

Compute mentally.

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| 1. $64 + 86 =$ _____ | 2. $6 \times 40 \times 5 =$ _____ |
| 3. $2 \times 8 \times 50 =$ _____ | 4. $65 - 22 =$ _____ |
| 5. $94 + 53 =$ _____ | 6. $7 + 34 + 16 =$ _____ |
| 7. $125 + 14 + 75 =$ _____ | 8. $4 \times 9 \times 25 =$ _____ |
| 9. $579 - 295 =$ _____ | 10. $380 + 20 + 105 =$ _____ |
| 11. $7 \times 25 \times 4 =$ _____ | 12. $801 - 187 =$ _____ |

- 13. Strategy Practice** Explain the steps you can use to find $7 \times 2 \times 50$ mentally.
