

## Estimating then checking: subtraction

To make sure your answer is right when doing a sum, you can **estimate before** and **check after** you do the sum.

1. Before - estimate the answer.
2. Do the calculation.
3. After - check your answer makes sense.

### Have a look at this subtraction calculation: 384 - 182

**Before** - estimate the answer:

384 can be rounded up to 400 and 182 can be rounded up to 200.  
 400 - 200 gives a rough answer of 200.

Now **do the calculation** - remember to start with the units.

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	3	8	4
-	1	8	2
=	2	0	2

**After** - check the answer makes sense:

**Estimate:**  $400 - 200 = 200$

**Answer:**  $384 - 182 = 202$  – so the answer makes sense!