Solving Subtraction Problems

Family Note Today your child learned trade-first subtraction, a method for solving subtraction problems that involves making all of the necessary trades before subtracting. Trade-first subtraction builds on children's understanding of place value and helps them solve subtraction problems more efficiently. The example below shows the trade-first method.

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Fill in the unit box. Then solve each problem. Choose a strategy that works best for you. You may use your estimates to check your work.





Example:

Estimate: 510 - 250 = 260

(1) Estimate: _____

(2) Estimate: ___

3 Estimate: _____

Check: Do your answers make sense? How do you know?