



The Parent Sessions:  
Mathematical Methods  
Year 5

# An explanation of ARE (Appropriate, Reliable, Efficient)

- ▶ The ARE framework (Appropriate, Reliable, Efficient) in math helps choose the best problem-solving strategy:
  1. **Appropriate:** Select a method suited to the problem (e.g., mental math for simple sums, algorithms for complex ones).
  2. **Reliable:** Ensure the method consistently gives correct results (e.g., standard algorithms for accuracy).
  3. **Efficient:** Solve the problem quickly without sacrificing accuracy (e.g., using shortcuts like compensation).
- ▶ It promotes accuracy, practicality, and flexibility in solving math problems.

Question:  $5400 - 79 =$

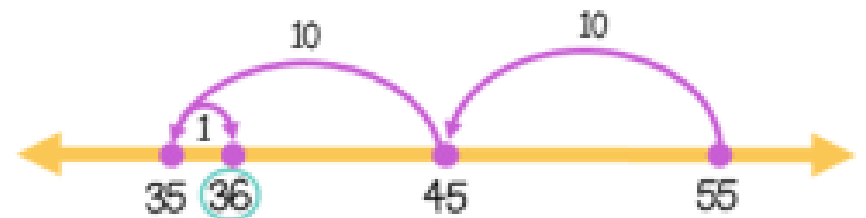
- ▶ To use column method to answer this question might not be the most efficient way. A different approach could be to use the compensation strategy ( $5400 - 80 + 1$ )

# The Rationale Behind:

## Compensation on a number line

- ▶ Using compensation on a number line is a strategy that simplifies mental math by adjusting numbers to facilitate easier calculations. This approach works because:
  1. **Simplification:** Compensation converts a complex operation into a simpler one, such as turning an addition or subtraction into one involving round numbers (e.g., multiples of 10 or 100).
  2. **Visualisation:** On a number line, it becomes easier to see the adjustments visually and track how moving forward or backward relates to the original problem.
  3. **Flexibility:** It encourages thinking flexibly about numbers, allowing for quick adjustments and fostering a deeper understanding of place value and arithmetic operations.
- ▶ For example, solving  $48+27$  can be adjusted to  $50+25$  by compensating 2 from the 27 to the 48, which is easier to compute. The number line helps students visually track and verify this adjustment.

\*Subtract a “friendly number” and compensate



$$55 - 19$$



19 is close to 20. I started at 55, took away 2 tens, then added 1 back in.

# Example Questions: Compensation on a number line

## Question 1:

- ▶ Using compensation, solve  $48+27$  on a number line.

## Solution:

1. Adjust 48 to 50 by adding 2 (compensation step).
2. Subtract the 2 from 27, making it 25.
3. Now compute  $50+25=75$ .
4. On a number line, move from 48 to 50, then add 25 to reach 75.

# Example Questions: Compensation on a number line

## Question 2:

- ▶ Find  $63-29$  using compensation on a number line.

## Solution:

1. Adjust 29 to 30 by adding 1.
2. Calculate  $63-30=33$ .
3. Add back the 1 you subtracted earlier:  $33+1=34$ .
4. On a number line, move back 30 from 63 to 33, then forward 1 to reach 34.

# Example Questions: Compensation on a number line

## Question 3:

- ▶ Calculate  $135+47$  using compensation on a number line.

## Solution:

1. Adjust 47 to 50 by adding 3.
2. Calculate  $135+50=185$ .
3. Subtract the 3 you added earlier:  $185-3=182$ .
4. On a number line, move 135 forward 50 to 185, then back 3 to 182.

# Practice questions for using compensation on a number line, organized into three levels.

## Starter (Basic Questions)

- ▶ Focus on simple addition or subtraction within 50, emphasizing small adjustments.
- 1.  $38+9$ : Use compensation to simplify the addition.  
*(Hint: Adjust 9 to 10 for easier calculation.)*
- 2.  $24-8$ : Use compensation to solve.  
*(Hint: Adjust 8 to 10, then subtract and adjust back.)*
- 3.  $45+6$ : Solve using compensation.  
*(Hint: Add 5 to make 45 a round number.)*

## Expected (Intermediate Questions)

- ▶ Involve larger numbers and require more flexible compensation strategies.
- 4.  $63 + +29$ : Use compensation to simplify.  
*(Hint: Adjust 29 to 30 for easier addition.)*
- 5.  $84-27$ : Solve using compensation.  
*(Hint: Adjust 27 to 30 by adding 3, then compensate.)*
- 6.  $56+48$ : Apply compensation to find the total.  
*(Hint: Round 48 to 50 for a simpler calculation.)*

# Practice questions for using compensation on a number line, organized into three levels.

## Challenge (Advanced Questions)

- ▶ Require multi-step compensation or involve larger numbers.
- 7.  $135+47$ : Use compensation to solve.  
*(Hint: Round 47 to 50, then adjust back.)*
- 8.  $219-88$ : Solve using compensation.  
*(Hint: Round 88 to 90, subtract, and compensate.)*
- 9.  $375 + +198$ : Simplify using compensation.  
*(Hint: Adjust 198 to 200 for easier addition.)*
- 10.  $1,004-497$ : Use compensation to find the result.  
*(Hint: Round 497 to 500, then adjust.)*

# Questions to ask during the process – Compensation on a number line

- ▶ **What is the easiest way to adjust one of the numbers to make the calculation simpler?**  
(Helps the student think about how to compensate by rounding a number to a more convenient value.)
- ▶ **How do you move on the number line to reflect your compensation?**  
(Encourages the student to visualise the adjustments on the number line.)
- ▶ **After you adjust, what do you need to do to make sure you haven't changed the original problem?**  
(Prompts the student to remember to compensate back to maintain accuracy.)
- ▶ **How can you check that your compensation is correct?**  
(Encourages the student to double-check their work by reversing the compensation step.)
- ▶ **Can you think of a different way to compensate that might make the calculation easier?**  
(Encourages flexible thinking and exploring alternative compensation strategies.)

# The Rationale Behind:

## Related Number Facts

- ▶ We use related number facts in math to help students make connections between known and new calculations, simplifying problem-solving. For example:
- ▶ **Building Efficiency:** Knowing that  $(6 + 4 = 10)$  helps solve  $(60 + 40 = 100)$ , reinforcing the connection between basic and extended facts.
- ▶ **Promoting Understanding:** It strengthens understanding of place value and arithmetic relationships, fostering deeper number sense.
- ▶ **Encouraging Mental Strategies:** Related facts support mental math by allowing students to break problems into smaller, more manageable parts based on familiar patterns.
- ▶ This approach develops confidence and fluency in mathematical operations.

Find all the missing numbers in these related facts.

$$\boxed{6} \quad \boxed{3} \quad \boxed{18}$$

$$6 \times 3 = \boxed{18}$$

$$3 \times \boxed{6} = 18$$

$$18 \div 6 = \boxed{3}$$

$$\boxed{18} \div 3 = 6$$

# Example Questions: Related Number Facts

## Question 1:

► Using the fact  $5+5=10$ , solve  $50+50$ .

## Solution:

1. Recognize the relationship between  $5+5=10$  and  $50+50$ .
2. Since  $50=5\times 10$ , the answer is  $10\times 10=100$ .
3. Final Answer:  $50+50=100$ .

# Example Questions: Related Number Facts

## Question 2:

► If  $7 \times 6 = 42$ , what is  $70 \times 6$ ?

## Solution:

1. Use the related fact  $7 \times 6 = 42$ .
2. Multiply 42 by 10 (since  $70 = 7 \times 10$ ).
3. Final Answer:  $70 \times 6 = 420$ .

# Example Questions: Related Number Facts

## Question 3:

- ▶ Using the facts  $8-3=5$ , solve  $80-30$ .

## Solution:

1. Recognize that 80 and 30 are multiples of 8 and 3 (scaled by 10).
2. Subtract  $80-30$  by scaling 5 (the result of  $8-3$ ) by 10.
3. Final Answer:  $80-30=50$ .

# Practice questions for using related number facts, organized into three levels.

## Starter (Basic Questions)

- ▶ Focus on simple, small-scale number facts to build confidence.
- ▶ If  $3+2=5$ , what is  $30+20$ ?  
(Hint: Scale up by 10.)
- ▶ Using  $4\times 2=8$ , solve  $40\times 2$ .  
(Hint: Multiply 88 by 10.)
- ▶ If  $9-5=4$ , what is  $90-50$ ?  
Hint: Scale the result by 10.)
- ▶ Using  $6+7=13$ , find  $60+70$ .  
Hint: Scale up the sum by 10.)

## Expected (Intermediate Questions)

- ▶ Extend to larger numbers or include decimals.
- 5. If  $8\times 3=24$ , solve  $80\times 3$ .  
(Hint: Scale the product by 10.)
- 6. Using  $12 + 8 = 20$ , find  $120+80$ .  
(Hint: Use place value to simplify.)
- 7. If  $14-6=8$ , solve  $140-60$ .  
(Hint: Recognize the scaled subtraction.)
- 8. Using  $25+25=50$ , find  $2.5+2.5$ .  
(Hint: Scale down the original sum.)

# Practice questions for using related number facts, organized into three levels.

## Challenge (Advanced Questions)

- ▶ Introduce multi-step problems and more complex scaling.
- 9. Using  $7 \times 6 = 42$ , find  $70 \times 60$ .  
*(Hint: Multiply 42 by 10 twice for scaling.)*
- 10. If  $5 + 3 = 8$ , solve  $0.5 + 0.3$ .  
*(Hint: Scale down by 10 and add.)*

# Questions to ask during the process – Related Number Facts

- ▶ **What smaller fact do you already know that could help you solve this?**  
(Encourages the student to identify a simpler, related fact.)
- ▶ **How does this fact relate to the numbers in the problem?**  
(Prompts them to connect the known fact to the scaled-up or extended problem.)
- ▶ **Can you explain how scaling up or down affects the result?**  
(Helps the student think about the impact of place value or multiplication/division.)
- ▶ **How can you check if your answer makes sense?**  
(Promotes self-checking by verifying the relationship between the fact and the solution.)
- ▶ **What would happen if the numbers were 10 times bigger (or smaller)?**  
(Encourages flexible thinking about scaling and reinforces understanding.)

# Key Language to use

## Compensation on a number line

- ▶ Round
- ▶ Compensate
- ▶ Inverse
- ▶ Prove
- ▶ Check
- ▶ Friendly number
- ▶ Visualisation

## Related Number Facts

- ▶ Facts
- ▶ Inverse
- ▶ Number bonds
- ▶ Multiplication facts
- ▶ Division facts