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# Introductory Message

This Self-Learning Module (SLM) is prepared so that you, our dear learners, can continue your studies and learn while at home. Activities, questions, directions, exercises, and discussions are carefully stated for you to understand each lesson.

Each SLM is composed of different parts. Each part shall guide you step-by-step as you discover and understand the lesson prepared for you.

Pre-tests are provided to measure your prior knowledge on lessons in each SLM. This will tell you if you need to proceed on completing this module or if you need to ask your facilitator or your teacher's assistance for better understanding of the lesson. At the end of each module, you need to answer the post-test to self-check your learning. Answer keys are provided for each activity and test. We trust that you will be honest in using these.

In addition to the material in the main text, Notes to the Teacher are also provided to our facilitators and parents for strategies and reminders on how they can best help you on your home-based learning.

Please use this module with care. Do not put unnecessary marks on any part of this SLM. Use a separate sheet of paper in answering the exercises and tests. And read the instructions carefully before performing each task.

If you have any questions in using this SLM or any difficulty in answering the tasks in this module, do not hesitate to consult your teacher or facilitator.

Thank you.



## *What I Need to Know*

This module was designed and written with you in mind. It is here to help you master the competency in estimating the quotient of 2-to-3 digit numbers by 1-to-2-digit numbers. The scope of this module permits it to be used in many different learning situations. The language used recognizes the diverse vocabulary level of students. The lessons are arranged to follow the standard sequence of the course. But the order in which you read them can be changed to correspond with the textbook you are now using.

After going through this module, you are expected to:

- estimate the quotient of 2- to 3-digit numbers by 1- to 2-digit numbers.

Enjoy your journey. Good luck!



## What I Know

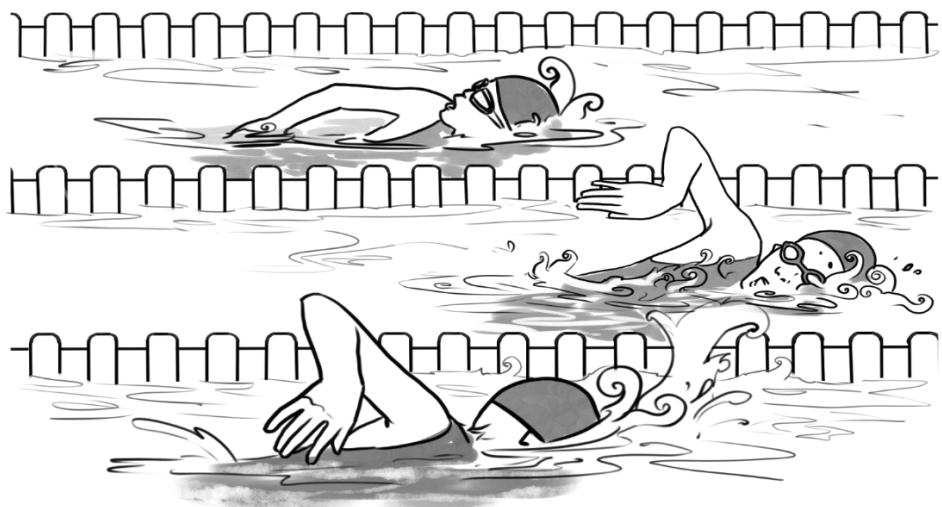
Estimate each quotient.

	Estimated quotient
1. $44 \div 7$	
2. $322 \div 12$	
3. $78 \div 20$	
4. $124 \div 32$	
5. $555 \div 24$	

# Lesson

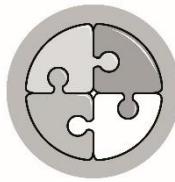
## Estimates the Quotient of 2- to 3-Digit numbers by 1- to 2- Digit Numbers

Read the problem below.



A group of 116 boys have signed up for summer swimming lessons. The boys will be divided into 12 groups. About how many will be in each group?

To answer the question in the problem, let us first review your previous lessons by answering the series of Activities in this module.



## What's In

### Activity 1

A. Round the following numbers to the nearest hundreds.1.

1. 658

2. 429

3. 713

4. 947

5. 865

B. Solve for the quotient of the following numbers.1.

1.  $80 \div 10$

2.  $550 \div 10$

3.  $900 \div 100$

4.  $660 \div 10$

5.  $40 \div 10$



## What's New

We will now learn how to estimate an answer when dividing large numbers.

Let us answer the previous problem.

The division operation from the problem is  $116 \div 12$ .

Making an estimate can help us think about a reasonable answer to a problem. *Round both the dividend and the divisor to the highest place value. Then, divide to get the answer.* Compare your estimate to the exact answer to determine if the estimated answer is reasonable.

$$116 \div 12$$



$$100 \div 10 = 10$$

Round off 116 to the nearest hundreds

Round off 12 to the nearest tens

So, there will be about 10 members in each team.

Another example:

Arman arranged the books in the shelves. There are 823 books that are needed to be arranged in the 24 bookshelves. About how many books in each shelf should Arman put?

$$823 \div 24$$

$$800 \div 20 = 40$$



So, there are about 40 books in each shelf.

In some cases, rounding off the dividend and divisor does not work if you cannot divide it evenly. It is much better to use estimating quotients using compatible numbers.

**Compatible numbers** are numbers that are easy to compute mentally.

*Example 1:*

$$\text{Estimate } 286 \div 7$$

In rounding, you will have  $300 \div 7$  which you cannot divide evenly. Therefore, rounding the dividend and divisor will not work on this equation.

Instead you are going to use the other way of estimating quotient which is dividing the given using *compatible numbers*.

$$\begin{array}{r} 286 \div 7 \\ \downarrow \\ \text{Change to 0} \\ 280 \div 7 = 40 \end{array}$$

Compatible Numbers  
are the multiples of 7:  
7, 14, 21, 28, 35,...

Step 1: Look at the first couple of numbers of the dividend and the first number in the divisor.

Step 2: Find the closest basic division fact or compatible number of these numbers.

Step 3: Use the basic fact to change the dividend and divisor to compatible numbers, and divide.

*Example 2:*

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Estimate } \underline{34}2 \div 5 \\ \downarrow \\ \text{Change the remaining digit to 0.} \\ \underline{35}0 \div 5 = \underline{7}0 \end{array}$$

Compatible numbers are the multiples of 5:  
5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40

\*\*\*34 is in between 30 and 35. It is 4 units away from 30 and 1 unit away from 35. Therefore, it is closest to 35.

*Example 3:*

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Estimate } \underline{33}1 \div \underline{54} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{Change the remaining digit to 0.} \\ \underline{35}0 \div \underline{50} = 7 \end{array}$$

Compatible numbers are the multiples of 5:  
5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40

\*\*\*33 is in between 30 and 35. It is 3 units away from 30 and 2 units away from 35. Therefore, it is closest to 35.

## Activity 2

A. Use compatible numbers to estimate quotients.

$124 \div 3$

120  $\div 3 =$  40

2.  $75 \div 10$

      $\div 10 =$      

3.  $37 \div 5$

      $\div 5 =$      

4.  $87 \div 9$

      $\div 9 =$      

5.  $119 \div 2$

      $\div 2 =$      

B. Circle the correct answer.

1. Rhea needs to estimate  $67 \div 7$ . Which expression shows the best choice of compatible numbers for Rhea to use?  
a.  $67 \div 8$       b.  $70 \div 7$       c.  $70 \div 10$
2. Jenny needs to estimate  $122 \div 3$ . Which expression shows the best choice of numbers for Jenny to use?  
a.  $120 \div 3$       b.  $120 \div 5$       c.  $122 \div 4$



## What is It

In estimating quotients, you need to follow these steps:

- First find compatible numbers
- Next, use fact family
- Choose the answer which is closest to the actual answer.

We can estimate the quotient by using compatible numbers. To find compatible numbers, look at the first two numbers in the dividend (the larger number in your division problem).

*Example:* Estimate  $528 \div 7$ .

You want to find two numbers that are compatible with the number 7. A compatible number is CLOSE to 52, one bigger and one is smaller than 52. It is also a multiple of 7.

Use division facts for 7 and patterns to find nearby compatible numbers for 528. The compatible numbers are multiples of 7, which make them easy to work with.

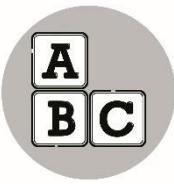
$$490 \div 7 = 70, \quad 49 \text{ is smaller than } 52$$

$$560 \div 7 = 80, \quad 56 \text{ is larger than } 52$$

\*\*\*The answer is between 70 and 80. But the closest estimate is **70** since 49 is just 3 units away from 52 while 56 is 4 units away.

*Answer:*  $490 \div 7 = 70$ .

7
14
21
28
35
42
<b>49</b>
<b>56</b>
63
70



## What's More

More examples:

Estimate the following quotient

Example 1

$$\begin{array}{r} 23 \div 12 = \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 20 \div 10 = \underline{2} \end{array}$$

Example 2

$$\begin{array}{r} 39 \div 8 \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 40 \div 10 = \underline{4} \end{array}$$

\*\*\*Try rounding off the numbers if it can be divided evenly, if not, use division of compatible numbers.

Example 3

$$\begin{array}{r} 427 \div 24 \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 400 \div 20 = \underline{20} \end{array}$$

Example 4

$$\begin{array}{r} 562 \div 8 \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 600 \div 10 = \underline{60} \end{array}$$

## Activity 3

A. Write the number nearest to 38 that can be compatible if we are going to estimate with:

1. 4 \_\_\_\_\_

2. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

3. 8 \_\_\_\_\_

4. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

5. 9 \_\_\_\_\_

B. Estimate the quotients.1.

$$19 \div 6$$

$$2. 35 \div 4$$

$$3. 68 \div 8$$

$$4. 93 \div 5$$

$$5. 119 \div 23$$

## Activity 4

Fill in the table.

Given	Round off the divisor	Think of compatible numbers	Estimate
Example: $236 \div 14$	10	$240 \div 10$	24
$1. 184 \div 11$			
$2. 338 \div 48$			
$3. 508 \div 21$			
$4. 677 \div 56$			
$5. 889 \div 78$			



## *What I Have Learned*

### How to estimate a quotient?

To estimate a quotient, round the divisors. If it can be divided evenly then you can estimate it. But if it cannot be divided evenly think of the compatible numbers to divide and get estimated quotient.



## *What I Can Do*

### Activity 5

Solve the problems.

1. There are 65 pupils visiting a museum. If they are divided into eight groups, about how many pupils are in each group?



2. Your class is studying the properties of matter. The 47 pupils in your class will be divided into groups. Each group will research one of the 3 properties of matter. About how many pupils will be in each group?
3. There are 732 Grade I pupils in Baso Elementary School. If pupils will be distributed into 13 sections about how many pupils will be in each section?



## *Assessment*

Estimate each quotient.

	Estimate
1. $64 \div 7$	
2. $83 \div 9$	
3. $130 \div 8$	
4. $396 \div 4$	
5. $850 \div 9$	
6. $244 \div 37$	
7. $300 \div 59$	
8. $397 \div 4$	
9. $230 \div 73$	
10. $545 \div 50$	



## *Additional Activities*

### **Activity 6**

Every day at the baseball field, a different number of baseball players show up. Estimate how many teams can be formed each day. (Hint: There are 9 players in a baseball team)

Read and complete the table.

Day	Number of Players	Number of Teams
1. Monday	73	
2. Tuesday	37	
3. Wednesday	82	
4. Thursday	55	
5. Friday	46	



## *Answer Key*

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