

Math Flash Rounding

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Use rounding

- **When the question asks you to estimate.**
- **When the question asks “about how many”...?**
- **When an exact answer isn't possible.**
- **When an answer is difficult to obtain.**

Memorize this Poem

**Find your number.
Look right next door.
4 or less just ignore.
5 or more, add 1 more.**

Round this number to the nearest
ten thousand.

Find your number.

3 **6** 8,9 7 1

Circle the number in the ten
thousands place.

Round this number to the nearest
ten thousand.

Look right next door.

3 6 8,971

Draw an arrow to the right of the
number.

Round this number to the nearest
ten thousand.

4 or less, just ignore.

3 6 8,9 7 1

8 is larger than 4 so go to the next
line of the poem.

Round this number to the nearest
ten thousand.

5 or more, add 1 more.

+1
3 6 8,9 7 1



Add 1 to the 6.

Round this number to the nearest
ten thousand.

5 or more, add 1 more.

3 7 0,000

Add 1 to the 7 and all the numbers
to the right of the 7 become 0's.

The Answer

**368,971 rounded to the
nearest ten thousand is**

370,000

Round this number to the nearest
thousand.

Find your number.

3 **5**, 3 2 7

Circle the number in the thousands
place.

Round this number to the nearest thousand.

Look right next door.

3 5, 3 2 7



Draw an arrow to the right of the number.

Round this number to the nearest thousand.

4 or less, just ignore.

3 **5**, 3 2 7



Since 3 is less than 4 we do not change the 5.

Round this number to the nearest thousand.

4 or less, just ignore.

3 **5**, 0 0 0

Change the numbers to left of 5 to 0's.

The Answer

**35,327 rounded to the
nearest thousand is**

35,000

Round this number to the nearest
dollar.

Find your number.

\$ **5**. 8 7

Circle the number where the dollars
are.

Round this number to the nearest dollar.

Look right next door.

\$ **5** . 8 7



Draw an arrow to the right of the circled number.

Round this number to the nearest dollar.

4 or less, just ignore.

\$ **5**.87

8 is greater than 4 so go to the next line of the poem.

Round this number to the nearest dollar.

5 or more, add 1 more.

+1
\$ **5** . 8 7

Since 8 is greater than 5 add 1 to the 5.

Round this number to the nearest dollar.

5 or more, add 1 more.

\$ **6**. **0 0**



Change the 5 to a 6 and change all the numbers to the right to 0's.

The Answer

**\$5.87 rounded to the
nearest dollar is**

\$ 6. 0 0

Round this number to the nearest tenth place.

Find your number.

4. **8** 7 1

Circle the number in the tenths place.

Round this number to the nearest tenth place.

Look right next door.

4. **8** → 7 1

Draw an arrow to the right of the circled number.

Round this number to the nearest tenth place.

4 or less just ignore.

4. **8** → 7 1

8 is greater than 4 so go to the next line of the poem.

Round this number to the nearest tenth place.

5 or more, add 1 more.

$$4.\overset{+1}{\textcircled{8}}71$$

Since 7 is greater than 5, add 1 to the 8.

Round this number to the nearest tenth place.

5 or more, add 1 more.

4. **9**

Change the 8 to a 9 and drop the numbers to the right of the 9.

The Answer

**4.871 rounded to the
nearest tenth place is**

4.9