

ESTIMATES ONLY

Explore with students daily situations such as the following that will help them recognize situations where an estimate is sufficient.

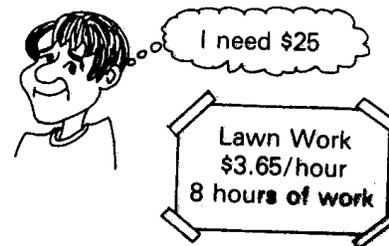
Is an estimate enough when --

- ...The waitress figures 5% tax?
- ...The waitress finds the total?
- ...The customer figures a 15% tip?
- ...The customer checks the bill?

Dinner Bill	
Food	\$36.25
Tax	?
Total	?

Is an estimate enough when --

- Shawn decides if he'll make enough money?
- The boss figures out how much to pay Shawn?



[Source: Estimation and Mental Computation-1986 Yearbook, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics]