## Year 8 Mastery Unit 5 - Accuracy \& Estimation

## Rounding Using a Number Line



57218 rounded to the nearest 10 is 57220

20.581 rounded to 1 decimal place is 20.6

Using this number line I can see that 22.2 is nearer to 22 than 23.
22.2 rounded to the nearest integer is 22 .


57218 rounded to the nearest 100 is 57200

20.581 rounded to 2 decimal places is 20.58

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| Error interval | A range of values that could be taken <br> before rounding/truncating. |
| Estimation/ <br> estimate | To make an approximate or rough <br> calculation based on rounding. |
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## Significant Figures

Significant figures are the first non zero digit in the number

2809.05 has 6 significant figures
$3^{\text {rd }}$ significant figure

### 0.000457

$3^{\text {rd }}$ significant figure
$1^{\text {st }}$ significant figure

### 0.000457 has 3 significant figures

## Rounding to Significant Figures

Round 78032 to 1 significant figure

## Round 0.04521 to 2 significant figures

78032 is closer to 80000
78032 rounded to 1 significant figure is 80000
0.04521 is closer to 0.45

0.04521 rounded to 2 significant figures is 0.45

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## Error Intervals

A number, $x$, rounded to the nearest 10 is 80
74 rounds to 70
so it can't be
that

These numbers all round to 80 , so these are the range of values that the number could have been.

$$
\text { We can represent this as an inequality: } \quad 75 \leq x<85
$$

## Estimating

We use estimation to make challenging calculations simpler. It also helps check answers to determine how accurate they are.

Example:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { By rounding to the nearest } 10 \text {, estimate } \\
& \qquad 83+29+36 \text { : }
\end{aligned}
$$

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\begin{aligned}
& 83+29+36 \approx 150 \\
& 80+30+40=150
\end{aligned}
$$

85 rounds to 90 so it can't be that

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