

G3-M2-Lesson 17

Lucy buys an apple that weighs 152 grams. She buys a banana that weighs 109 grams.

- a. Estimate the total weight of the apple and banana by rounding.

$$152 \approx 200$$

$$109 \approx 100$$

I can round each number to the nearest hundred.

$$200 \text{ grams} + 100 \text{ grams} = 300 \text{ grams}$$

I can add the rounded numbers to estimate the total weight of the apple and the banana. The total weight is about 300 grams.

- b. Estimate the total weight of the apple and banana by rounding in a different way.

$$152 \approx 150$$

$$109 \approx 110$$

I can round each number to the nearest ten.

$$150 \text{ grams} + 110 \text{ grams} = 260 \text{ grams}$$

I can add the rounded numbers to estimate the total weight of the apple and the banana. The total weight is about 260 grams.

- c. Calculate the actual total weight of the apple and the banana. Which method of rounding was more precise? Why?

$$\begin{array}{r} 152 \text{ grams} \\ + 109 \text{ grams} \\ \hline 261 \text{ grams} \end{array}$$

Rounding to the nearest ten grams was more precise because when I rounded to the nearest ten grams, the estimate was 260 grams, and the actual answer is 261 grams. The estimate and the actual answer are only 1 gram apart! When I rounded to the nearest hundred grams, the estimate was 300 grams, which isn't that close to the actual answer.

I can use the standard algorithm to find the actual total weight of the apple and the banana.