

# When Do We Estimate?

	Situation	Example #1	Example #2
1.	When we want to check if an answer is reasonable	After we use a calculator or paper and pencil to find an exact answer	
2.	When we want to find a quick answer in our heads	When we are estimating the cost of 20 cans of pet food at the store	
3.	When we don't need an exact answer	Finding the amount a school spends on electricity in one year to plan for the next year	
4.	When it is difficult or impossible to find an exact answer	The number of leaves in a forest	
5.	When numbers don't stay exactly the same over time	The value of five rare stamps (the price might change from one day to the next)	