MAIN IDEA

 Estimate products of fractions using compatible numbers and rounding.

BUILD YOUR VOCABULARY (page 115)

Compatible numbers are numbers that are easy to

EXAMPLES Estimate Using Compatible Numbers

Find a multiple of 5 close to 28.

$$\frac{1}{5} \times 28 \longrightarrow \frac{1}{5} \times 30$$

30 and 5 are compatible numbers since $30 \div 5 = 6$.

$$\frac{1}{5} \times 30 = \boxed{\qquad \qquad 30 \div 5 = }$$

So,
$$\frac{1}{5} \times 28$$
 is about

Estimate $\frac{1}{4} \times 17$ first.

$$\frac{1}{4} \times 17 \longrightarrow \frac{1}{4} \times 16$$

Use 16 since 16 and 4 are compatible

$$\frac{1}{4} \times 16 = \boxed{ \qquad \qquad 16 \div 4 = \boxed{}}$$

If
$$\frac{1}{4}$$
 of 16 is , then $\frac{3}{4}$ of 16 is \times or

So,
$$\frac{3}{4} \times 17$$
 is about

WRITE IT

Which method would you use to estimate $\frac{1}{6}$ × 19, compatible numbers or rounding? Explain.



Check Your Progress

Estimate each product.

a.
$$\frac{1}{4} \times 35$$

b.
$$\frac{3}{7} \times 22$$

REMEMBER IT (

Placing fractions on a number line can help you round the fractions to estimate.

EXAMPLE Estimate by Rounding to $0, \frac{1}{2}$, or 1

$$\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{1}{6} \longrightarrow \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

So,
$$\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{1}{6}$$
 is about

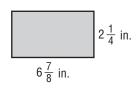
$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\frac{1}{6} & \frac{4}{5} \\
0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\
\hline
\frac{4}{5} \text{ is about 1.}
\end{array}$$

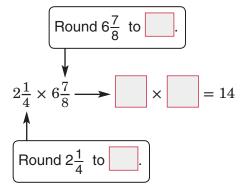
Check Your Progress Estimate
$$\frac{1}{9} \times \frac{7}{8}$$
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EXAMPLE Estimate With Mixed Numbers

MEASUREMENT Estimate the area of the rectangle.

Round each mixed number to the nearest whole number.





So, the area is *about* square inches.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

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Exercises:

Check Your Progress MEASUREMENT Estimate the area of the rectangle.

