



## Observation map Math Assessment Reasoning Strategies | Addition

### Questions

3+5

### answer observations

- can't do it or guesses
- Counts all 1, 2, 3, ..., 8 out loud or counting using fingers.
- Counts on out loud by one's or uses fingers (starting with the 3 adding 5, saying 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
- Counts on out loud by one's or uses fingers (starting with the 5 adding 3, saying 6, 7, 8)
- Holds up one hand with three fingers and the other hand with five fingers and sees it is eight without counting.
- Just knows it
- Imagines the column algorithm

Additional observations:

6+7

- can't do it or guesses
- Counts all 1, 2, 3, ..., 13 out loud or using fingers.
- Counts on out loud by one's or uses fingers starting with the 6, saying 7, 8, ....., 13 )
- Split 7 in 4 and 3, uses 10 as a stepping stone:  $6+4=10$   $10+3=13$
- Uses a doubles and near doubles strategy: "I know double 6 is 12 so 6+7 is one more so 13". Or " I know double 7 is 14 so 6+7 is one less than 14"
- Just knows it
- Imagines the column algorithm

Additional observations:



## Questions

9+8

## answer observations

- can't do it or guesses
- Counts all 1, 2, 3, ....17 out loud or counting on fingers.
- Counts on by one's out loud or uses fingers, starting with 9, saying 10, 11, .... , 17
- Split 8 in 1 and 7 and uses 10 as 'stepping stone'  $9+1=10$  and  $10+7=17$
- Reasoning using doubles: double 9 is 18 so  $9+8$  is one less so 17. Or double 8 is 16 and one more is 17
- Uses a tens number: "10 plus 8 is 18 so 9 plus 8 is 17"
- Just knows it
- Imagines the column algorithm then counts up or adds

Additional observations:



## Questions

$35 + ? = 100$

## answer observations

- can't do it or guesses
- Thinks the answer is 75. Write a comment which scaffolding the student needs to be able to correct the answer
- Answers 65, but can't explain
- Imagines the column algorithm (or draws it in the air)  $100 - 35$  and mentions how to regroup and answers 65
- Uses a mixed strategy of counting up from 35 by ones and tens: Counts on 5 by 1 to 40 and by 6 ten's to 100 and answers 65
- Uses 5 and 10 numbers to count up from 35:  
 $35 + 5 = 40$ .... $40 + 60 = 100$ ..... $5 + 60 = 65$ ...so  $35 + 65 = 100$
- Uses a partitioning and place value strategy: " I know  $30 + 70 = 100$  so  $35 + 65 = 100$ "
- For  $100 - 35$  separates ones and tens: " $100 - 5 = 95$ ,  $95 - 30 = 65$ "
- Uses a flexible numbers and benchmark strategy: "I know that  $100 - 30 = 70$ , when you subtract 35, you subtract 5 more, so the answer is 65"
- Uses benchmark numbers in a flexible way: "I know  $25 + 75 = 100$  and 35 is 10 more so we need to add 10 less, it is 65"

Additional observations:



## Questions

105+987

## answer observations

- Can't do it or does not answer at all
- Guesses or estimates below 1,000
- Guesses or estimates over 1,000
- Imagines the column algorithm starting with  $5+7 = 12$  and regroups the ten  $+80 = 90$ , then adds  $900+100$  and answers 1092
- Answers 1092 but can't explain
- Splits according to place value:  $900+100 = 1,000$ ;  $80$  (or  $80+00=80$ ),  $5+7=12$ , then  $1000+80+12=1092$  or  $80=12 = 92 + 1,000 = 1,092$
- Rounds 105 to 100 and adds  $987+100=1087$ , then adds 5, so 1092.
- Uses the benchmark 1,000 for 987, adds 105 and subtracts 13 from  $1,105 = 1,092$

Additional observations:



## Questions

How would you add up these amounts: \$7.25 and \$4.50 and \$3.75 and \$6.50?

## answer observations

- Doesn't know, guesses
- Adds the whole dollars in the order provided;  $7+4+3+6$ , adds numbers one by one so  $7+4=11$ , plus 3 is 14, plus 6 is 20, and thinks total is \$20. Write a comment which scaffolding the student needs to be able to correct the answer
- Adds the whole dollars using 10 as a benchmark;  $7+3=10$  and  $4+6=10$  so thinks the total is \$20. Write a comment which scaffolding the student needs to be able to correct the answer
- Needs to write down the column algorithm per two amounts in the order given and gets \$22
- Splits dollars and pennies, adds  $\$0.25 + \$0.75 = \$1$  and  $\$0.50 + \$0.50 = \$1$ , then adds  $\$7 + \$3 = \$10$  and  $\$4 + \$6 = \$10$  and answers \$22
- Imagines the column algorithm combining  $\$7.25 + \$3.75 = \$11.00$  and then  $\$4.50 + \$6.50 = \$11.00$  and says total is \$22.00
- First estimates then calculates and checks if the answer makes sense: Estimate total must be more than \$20, or close to \$21, then calculates mentally for whole dollars and pennies separately, says "total is \$22" and mentions that it makes sense because my estimate was \$21

Additional observations:



## Observation map Math Assessment Reasoning Strategies | Subtraction

### Questions

5-2

### answer observations

- Can't do it, guesses
- Counts back incorrectly and says 5, 4, 3 out loud or on fingers and thinks answer is 3
- Counts back correctly and says 4, 3, 2 out loud or on fingers and thinks answer is 2
- Counts up from the smallest to the largest number out loud, says 3, 4, 5 or on fingers and thinks answer is 3
- Just knows it

Additional observations:

9-6

- Doesn't know, guesses
- Counts back incorrectly and says 9, 8, ..., 4 counting out loud or using fingers and thinks answer is 4
- Counts back correctly and says 8, 7, ..., 3 counting out loud or using fingers, and answers 3
- Counts up from the smallest to the largest number. Says 7, 8, 9 counting out loud or using fingers and answers 3
- Uses a known fact to reason a new fact. Says I know  $10 - 6 = 4$ , so  $9 - 4$  must be 3
- Just knows it

Additional observations:



## Questions

14-7

## answer observations

- Doesn't know, guesses
- Counts back incorrectly and says 14, 13, .... , 8 out loud or on fingers and thinks answer is 8
- Counts back correctly, says 13, 12, ..... , 7 out loud or on fingers and answers 7
- Counts up from smallest number to largest number, says 8, 9,.....,14 and answers 7
- Imagines the column subtraction, answers 7
- Uses a doubles strategy: I know double 7, or  $7 + 7 = 14$  so take one 7 away and the other is left over, the answer is 7
- Subtracts using 10 as "stepping stone" and splits 7 in 4 and 3, then subtracts  $14 - 4 = 10$  and  $10 - 3 = 7$
- Just knows it

Additional observations:



## Questions

100-27

## answer observations

- Doesn't know or guesses
- Attempts to count back by ones but gets stuck. Counts back correctly, says 13, 12, ... , 7 out loud or on fingers and answers 7
- Counts back correctly by tens and ones separately:  $100-90=80-79-78-77\dots=73$  Imagines the column subtraction, answers 7
- Imagines the column subtraction with regrouping mentally, answers 73
- Separates tens and ones:  $100-20=80$  and  $80-7=73$
- Uses counting up to find the difference: 27 to 30 is 3 more, 30 to 100 is 70 more together  $7+3=73$

Additional observations:

745-98

- Doesn't know it or guesses
- Starts counting back by ones
- Starts counting back by tens
- Can't do it mentally and needs to write the column algorithm, answers 747
- Imagines column algorithm with regrouping mentally, answers 747
- Uses place value strategy and separates tens and ones:  $745-90=655$  and  $655-8=647$
- Uses counting up to find the difference: 98 to 100 is 2 more, 100 to 700 is 600,  $700-745=45$  more together  $2+600+45=647$
- Uses benchmark 100 for 98: so  $745-100=645$ , then adds back the 2:  $645+2=647$
- Uses a numberline concept to find the difference between 2 numbers; 98 to 100 = 2, 100 to 700 = 600,  $600-645=45$  so total distance on number line is  $2+100+45=647$

Additional observations:



## Questions

What is the difference between 248 and 365?

### answer observations

- Doesn't know, guesses
- Can't do it mentally and needs to write column algorithm with 248 on top
- Can't do it mentally and needs to write column algorithm with 365 on top, but subtracts 5 from 8 because you can't subtract 8 from 5
- Can't do it mentally and needs to write column algorithm with 365 on top and subtracts correctly: 117
- Imagines the column algorithm mentally and says 117
- Counts up from smallest number:  $+2=250$ ,  $+100=350$ ,  $+10=360$ ,  $+5=365$ , the difference is  $2+100+10+5=117$
- Uses benchmarks 250 for 248 and 360 for 365 and says that difference = 110, then works in the compensations for the actual numbers: 248 is 2 less than 250 so add 2 and 365 is 5 more than 360 so add 5: the difference is  $110+2+5=117$
- Uses a numberline concept to find the difference between 2 numbers; 250 to 350=100 248 to 250 = 2 and 350 to 365=15, total distance on number line is  $2+100+15=117$

Additional observations: