DEFINITION

Calculating an approximate answer to a calculation by rounding the numbers used in the calculation prior to carrying out the calculation

CHARACTERISTICS

- Typically, number used in the calculation will be rounded to 1 significant figure
- Estimatina

 The result of the calculation will be close to the actual real answer

EXAMPLES

(a calculation)

 $27 \times 432 \approx 30 \times 400$

NON-EXAMPLES

 $27 \times 432 =$