

## Short Cut to Tipping

*Estimation, rounding off*

Not all of us carry calculators with us when we go out. Here is a quick way to calculate tips.

**A short cut method for tabs of \$30 or more.**

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**Example:** Supper cost \$45.

**Problem:** How much tip should I leave?

**Solution:** Step 1: Take the dollar amount and drop the ones digit. (5)

Step 2: Double the number that is left. ( $4 \times 2 = 8$ )

*\$8 is the amount you should leave. This is between 15% - 20%.*

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**A short cut method for tabs \$30 or less.**

This method produces a slightly higher percentage tip. Round your answers up to the nearest 5 or 10.

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**Example:** Lunch cost \$17.20

**Problem:** How much tip should I leave?

**Solution:** Step 1: Round \$17.20 up to 20.

Step 2: Double 20 – that's 40.

Step 3: Drop a zero – the tip is \$4.

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## Consumer Math

**Part 2:** Calculate the tip using the short cut method from the previous page.

1. Lunch cost \$29. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Lunch costs \$77 for 4 people. How much should each person leave for a tip? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Breakfast was \$12.95. How much should I leave on the table including the tip? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Supper cost \$150. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Supper cost \$99. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Two couples went for supper. The bill came to \$145. How much should each couple pay for a tip? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Three of us went for lunch. The bill came to \$65. How much should each of us leave for a tip? \_\_\_\_\_
8. I had a hotdog for \$2.50 and a coke for \$2.00. How much should I leave the vendor for a tip? \_\_\_\_\_