

Estimating Distance and Time

Chapter 4: Vacation with My Nani Maa · Topic 2

Key Concept

Estimating distance means making a sensible guess about how far something is, like guessing that a school is about 2 kilometres from home, without measuring exactly.

Estimating time means guessing roughly how long something will take, like estimating that eating lunch takes about 20 minutes.

Estimation is useful when we don't need an exact answer, but a general idea is enough to help us plan or decide something quickly.

Practising estimation helps us develop a better sense of distance and time, which improves with experience and comparison to known references.

Quick Revision Notes

- Estimating means making a reasonable guess.
- We estimate distance without measuring exactly.
- We estimate time to guess how long something takes.
- Estimation is useful when exact answers aren't needed.
- Estimating helps with quick planning and decisions.
- Practice improves our sense of distance and time.
- Comparing to known references helps estimation.
- Estimation is a useful real-life skill.

Practice Questions

- 1 Estimate the distance from your home to your school.
- 2 Estimate how long it takes to eat breakfast.
- 3 Estimate the length of your classroom, then check with a measurement if possible.
- 4 Estimate how long a favourite activity takes.
- 5 Compare your estimate to an actual measurement.
- 6 Practice estimating three more distances or times.