

Arranging Additions and Sorting Subtractions

There are four addition calculations written below.

Your challenge is to put them in order, from easiest to hardest. Try to do this without actually calculating each answer if you can.

- 42 + 47
- 42 + 18
- 42 + 39
- 42 + 3

How did you decide the order?

We would love to hear the reasons for your final order.

You might like to do exactly the same with the set of four subtraction calculations below.

- 26 18
- 26 7
- 26 3
- 26 10

Create a set of four additions or four subtractions yourself, which you think could be put in order from easiest to hardest.

Give them to someone else to order.

Do they agree with your final order? Why or why not?