



# HELPING AT HOME ADDITION



## Mental strategies



There are a number of useful mental strategies for addition. Some examples are given below.

**Example** Calculate  $35 + 39$

**Method 1** Add tens, then add units, then add together

$$30 + 30 = 60 \qquad 5 + 9 = 14 \qquad 60 + 14 = 74$$

**Method 2** Split up number to be added into tens and units and add separately.

$$35 + 30 = 65 \qquad 65 + 9 = 74$$

**Method 3** Round up to nearest 10, then subtract

$$35 + 40 = 75 \quad \text{but } 40 \text{ is } 1 \text{ too much so subtract } 1;$$
$$75 - 1 = 74$$

## Written Method

When adding numbers, ensure that the numbers are lined up according to place value. Start at right hand side, write down units, carry tens.

**Example** Add 3032 and 589

$$\begin{array}{r} 3032 \\ +589 \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 3032 \\ +589 \\ \hline 21 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 3032 \\ +589 \\ \hline 621 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 3032 \\ +589 \\ \hline 3621 \end{array}$$