

Estimating and Writing Large Numbers

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1. Practice in estimating:
 - A. Which is closest to being true? One trillion hours ago . . .
 - The American revolution was being fought.
 - Christ was living.
 - A meteor struck Arizona (about fifty thousand years ago)
 - Dinosaurs ruled the earth (about one hundred million years ago).
 - B. Make a guess.
 - C. Now estimate it using scientific notation.
 - D. What did you find?
2. In the movie "Rush Hour", one million dollars were stolen. The money was all in \$50 bills and it was packed into two suitcases. Is this possible? Explain why or why not.
3. Bill Gates is supposed to be worth \$80 billion dollars. If he gave each family in your city an equal share of his money, what would you be able to do?
 - A. Buy a nice outfit.
 - B. Buy the car of your dreams.
 - C. Buy the house of your dreams.
 - D. Retire and never work again.