

Think of a two digit number and write it down.

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Reverse the digits and add your answer to your original number.


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Try a few examples.

### **Do you notice anything interesting?**

Do you think this always happens?  
Can you explain why?

### **Here are some similar number tricks. Can you explain how they work?**

- Take any two-digit number. Reverse the digits, and subtract your answer from your original number. What do you notice?
- Take any two-digit number. Add its digits, and subtract your answer from your original number. What do you notice?
- Take any three-digit number. Reverse the digits, and subtract your answer from your original number. What do you notice?
- Take any five-digit number. Reverse the digits, and subtract your answer from your original number. What do you notice?