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Difference First Answer Key

1. $70 - 40 = 30$
2. $90 - 20 = 70$
3. $600 - 200 = 400$
4. $900 - 400 = 500$
5. $700 - 300 = 400$
6. $4,000 - 2,000 = 2,000$
7. $7,000 - 3,000 = 4,000$
8. $9,000 - 5,000 = 4,000$
9. $8,000 - 2,000 = 6,000$
10. $6,000 - 1,000 = 5,000$

Teacher's Guide

- Quick implementation: Review how front-end estimation keeps the first digit and changes all remaining digits to zeros. Model the example before independent work.
- Differentiation: Have students circle the leading digit in each number before finding its front-end value. Start with the 2-digit problems for extra support.
- Engagement: Challenge students to identify which estimated difference will be greatest before solving all 10 problems.
- Extension: Have students calculate each exact difference and compare it with the front-end estimate.