Name _____

Payment Check Answer Key

1. Yes. Surplus: $45.00.
2. No. Shortage: $26.25.
3. Yes. Surplus: $85.55.
4. No. Shortage: $8.39.
5. Yes. Surplus: $84.50.
6. Yes. Surplus: $87.25.
7. No. Shortage: $34.75.
8. Yes. Surplus: $0.00.

Teacher's Guide

- Quick implementation: Have students compare the two amounts first, then subtract the smaller amount from the larger amount to find the surplus or shortage.
- Differentiation: Let students circle the larger amount before calculating. Students needing support can label each result as surplus or shortage before finding the difference.
- Engagement: Present each problem as an online payment check that must be approved only when sufficient funds are available.
- Extension: Ask students how much money would need to be deposited to cover each payment with insufficient funds.

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