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Since  $\sqrt{75}$  is to the right of the midpoint, it will be higher than 8.5. So, a reasonable estimate would be  $\sqrt{75} \approx 8.6$  or 8.7

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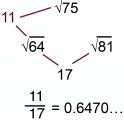
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- 3. Find the difference between the two perfect squares. (81 64)
- 4. Write a ratio. (11/17)
- 5. Divide and round to the nearest tenth. (11/17 rounds to 0.6)
- 6. Attach the decimal to the lower perfect square.

The square root of 75 will fall between 8 and 9. The decimal 0.6470... will round to 0.6, so the estimate to the nearest tenth is 8.6



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  - C.  $\frac{16}{9}$
  - D. -30

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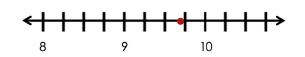
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