

Subtraction Strategies (1 of 2)

Different smart ways to solve the same problem - pick the one that feels easiest.

Try this way: Take Away Too Much, Give Back Take away a friendly ten instead, then give back what you took extra.

$$20 - 9 = \underline{11}$$

take away 10 instead

$$20 - 10 = \underline{10}$$

give back the extra 1

$$\underline{10} + 1 = \underline{11}$$

Try this way: Stop at the Hundred Count up to the next hundred first - it is the easiest place to stop.

$$899 - 777 = \underline{122}$$

count up to the next hundred

$$777 + 23 = \underline{800}$$

count up to the big number

$$\underline{800} + 99 = \underline{899}$$

add your two jumps

$$23 + 99 = \underline{122}$$

Try this way: Count Up to Subtract Start at the small number and count up in easy jumps. Your jumps are the answer.

$$15 - 8 = \underline{7}$$

count up to the next ten

$$8 + 2 = \underline{10}$$

add the last ones

$$\underline{10} + 5 = \underline{15}$$

add up your jumps

$$2 + 5 = \underline{7}$$

Try this way: Think Addition Turn it around: 13 - 6 is really asking "6 plus what makes 13?"

$$12 - 7 = \underline{5}$$

7 plus what makes 10?

$$7 + \underline{3} = 10$$

10 plus what makes 12?

$$10 + \underline{2} = 12$$

add up your jumps

$$3 + 2 = \underline{5}$$

Try this way: Keep the Difference the Same Add the same amount to both numbers. The gap between them never changes.

$$52 - 27 = \underline{25}$$

add 3 to make it friendly

$$27 + 3 = \underline{30}$$

add 3 to the other number too

$$52 + 3 = \underline{55}$$

now take away the easy way

$$\underline{55} - 30 = \underline{25}$$



Subtraction Strategies (2 of 2)

Different smart ways to solve the same problem - pick the one that feels easiest.

Try this way: Take Away to Ten First Take the tens off first, then land on a ten, then take away the rest.

$$13 - 9 = \underline{4}$$

take away enough to reach the ten

$$13 - 3 = \underline{10}$$

take away what is left

$$\underline{10} - 6 = \underline{4}$$

Try this way: Take Away Five First Taking away 7? That is a 5 and 2 more. Take the five off first.

$$11 - 6 = \underline{5}$$

take away the 5 first

$$11 - 5 = \underline{6}$$

then take away the other 1

$$\underline{6} - 1 = \underline{5}$$

Try this way: Split to Subtract Take away the hundreds, then the tens, then the ones.

$$15 - 11 = \underline{4}$$

take away the tens

$$15 - 10 = \underline{5}$$

take away the ones

$$\underline{5} - 1 = \underline{4}$$

