

Which Way Should I Take Away?

Name: _____

Date: _____

Three-digit numbers - look at the numbers, pick a way, show your steps, then name the way you used.

Ways to choose from: Take Away Too Much, Give Back • Stop at the Hundred • Count Up to Subtract • Think Addition • Keep the Difference the Same • Take Away to Ten First • Take Away Five First • Split to Subtract

1) $502 - 67 =$ _____

Which way? _____

step 1
____ + ____ = ____

step 2
____ + ____ = ____

step 3
____ - ____ = ____

2) $199 - 198 =$ _____

Which way? _____

Does this one even need steps?

3) $740 - 134 =$ _____

Which way? _____

step 1
____ - ____ = ____

step 2
____ - ____ = ____

step 3
____ - ____ = ____

4) $696 - 535 =$ _____

Which way? _____

step 1
____ - ____ = ____

step 2
____ - ____ = ____

step 3
____ - ____ = ____

5) $241 - 53 =$ _____

Which way? _____

step 1
____ - ____ = ____

step 2
____ - ____ = ____

step 3
____ - ____ = ____

6) $249 - 180 =$ _____

Which way? _____

step 1
____ + ____ = ____

step 2
____ + ____ = ____

step 3
____ + ____ = ____

7) $763 - 588 =$ _____

Which way? _____

step 1
____ - ____ = ____

step 2
____ + ____ = ____

8) $344 - 324 =$ _____

Which way? _____

step 1
____ + ____ = ____

step 2
____ + ____ = ____

step 3
____ + ____ = ____

step 4
____ + ____ + ____ = ____



Answer Key

Which Way Should I Take Away? - Three-digit numbers

The best way for each problem is named, with its steps.

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1) $502 - 67 = \underline{435}$

add 3 to make it friendly

$$67 + 3 = \underline{70}$$

add 3 to the other number too

$$502 + 3 = \underline{505}$$

now take away the easy way

$$\underline{505} - 70 = \underline{435}$$

Which way? Keep the Difference the Same

also works: Take Away to Ten First

2) $199 - 198 = \underline{1}$

Which way? Neighbours - just count back to it

No steps needed - this one is just a rule.

3) $740 - 134 = \underline{606}$

take away the hundreds

$$740 - 100 = \underline{640}$$

take away the tens

$$\underline{640} - 30 = \underline{610}$$

take away the ones

$$\underline{610} - 4 = \underline{606}$$

Which way? Split to Subtract

4) $696 - 535 = \underline{161}$

take away the hundreds

$$696 - 500 = \underline{196}$$

take away the tens

$$\underline{196} - 30 = \underline{166}$$

take away the ones

$$\underline{166} - 5 = \underline{161}$$

Which way? Split to Subtract

5) $241 - 53 = \underline{188}$

take away the tens first

$$241 - 50 = \underline{191}$$

now drop down to the ten

$$\underline{191} - 1 = \underline{190}$$

take away the ones that are left

$$\underline{190} - 2 = \underline{188}$$

Which way? Take Away to Ten First

6) $249 - 180 = \underline{69}$

count up to the next hundred

$$180 + 20 = \underline{200}$$

count up to the big number

$$\underline{200} + 49 = \underline{249}$$

add your two jumps

$$20 + 49 = \underline{69}$$

Which way? Stop at the Hundred

7) $763 - 588 = \underline{175}$

take away 590 instead

$$763 - 590 = \underline{173}$$

give back the extra 2

$$\underline{173} + 2 = \underline{175}$$

Which way? Take Away Too Much, Give Back

also works: Stop at the Hundred

8) $344 - 324 = \underline{20}$

count up to the next ten

$$324 + 6 = \underline{330}$$

add whole tens

$$\underline{330} + 10 = \underline{340}$$

add the last ones

$$\underline{340} + 4 = \underline{344}$$

add up your jumps

$$6 + 10 + 4 = \underline{20}$$

Which way? Count Up to Subtract

also works: Think Addition

