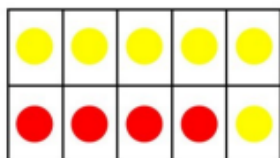


Subtraction overview

Counting

Count back to subtract two single-digit numbers; How? Number songs, rhymes and stories; counting back in ones using fingers, concrete and/or pictorial methods..

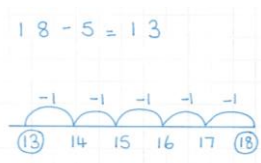
Example:



Number line

Use a number line to count backwards from the first number how many steps the subtraction requires.

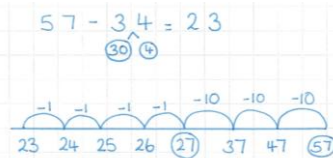
Example:



Partitioning (with number line)

When subtracting larger numbers, it becomes less efficient to count on so partitioning is used. Partition the number being subtracted into (hundreds) tens and ones, add the partitions in chunks on the number line.

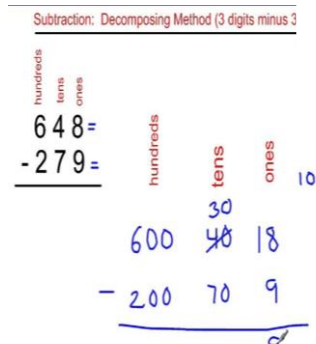
Example:



Decomposition method

Partition number into H, T, U and write them out above and below each other. Borrow from next column if subtraction cannot be completed.

Example:



Column method

The traditional method putting the largest number at the top and lining the numbers up in H,T,U columns. If the number at the top is lower then the bottom number then borrow ten or a hundred from the next column along cross it out and write the new value.

Example:

