



Language of Subtraction

Subtract
Take Away
Minus
Less Than
Difference
Decrease

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When you take zero from a number nothing happens! The number stays the same.

Subtracting 10 from a teen number

Subtracting 10 from a teen number is easy, you are only left with what is in the units column.

Example: T U U
 1 9 - 10 = 9

Example: T U U
 1 4 - 10 = 4

Subtracting 10 from a 2 digit number

When you take 10 from a 2 digit number you are taking 1 ten out of the tens column and the units don't change. It is also useful to use your array when taking away tens. You go up a row for each 10 you are taking away!

Example : T U T U
 4 5 - 10 = 3 5

Example : T U T U
 3 0 - 1 0 = 2 0

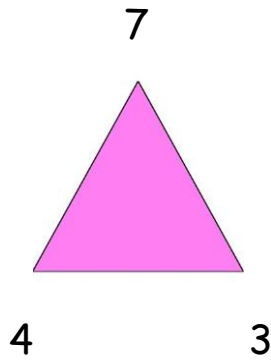
Subtracting multiples of 10 from a 2 digit number

When you take a multiple of 10 from a number you are taking that number of tens out of the tens column and the units don't change.

Example: T U T U T U
 4 8 - 30(3 tens/3 rows up)= 1 8

Example: T U T U T U
 8 0 - 2 0(2 tens/2 rows up) = 6 0

Number Trios



These are a good way for children to see and understand the relationship between addition and subtraction. Subtraction is the inverse of addition which means it does the opposite.

From 3 carefully selected numbers you can make 4 calculations. Two addition and two subtraction.

Example: 7 4 3

For the addition calculations the largest number always comes at the end after the equals sign.

$$4 + 3 = 7$$

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For the subtraction calculations the largest number always comes first.

$$7 - 4 = 3$$

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Subtracting 9 from a number

When subtracting 9 from a number there is a quick way to do it. There are 2 steps.

1. Subtract 10 from the number.
2. Then add 1 back on as 9 is 1 less than 10 and you have taken too many away.

Example: $23 - 9 =$

$$23 - 10 = 13$$

$$13 + 1 = 14$$

Subtracting 11 from a number

When subtracting 11 from a number there is a quick way to do it. There are 2 steps.

1. Subtract 10 from the number
2. Then take away 1 more as 11 is 1 more than 10.

Example: $34 - 11 =$

$$34 - 10 = 24$$

$$24 - 1 = 23$$



Subtraction is the
OPPOSITE (inverse) of
addition!