

Subtraction Strategies

1. Think about “Fact Families” to solve problems.

$$13 - 7 = \underline{\quad}$$

Think:

$$7 + 6 = 13$$

$$6 + 7 = 13$$

$$13 - 6 = 7$$

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2. Use a number line or the alphabet

3. Count up / Count on...

$$10 - 7 = \underline{\quad}$$

Think:

$$10 - 7 =$$

Start at 7 count up...

8, 9, 10

The answer is 3!

4. Count down / Count back...

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

Think:

$$12 - 5 =$$

Start at 12 count down...

11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5

The answer is 7!

5. Touch Math

6. Always check your work!