

SUBTRACTION IS FINDING THE DIFFERENCE

FACT 1: Subtraction is finding the difference.

(a) We may do that by taking the smaller number out of the larger number.



(b) We may also do that by counting from smaller to the larger number.



FACT 2: Subtraction is the same level of operation as addition.

(a) We may subtract quantities of the same unit only. We cannot subtract quantities of different units.

We may take 2 bananas out of 5 bananas. But we cannot take 2 bananas out of 5 apples.

(b) To subtract quantities of different units, you must change them to some common units first.

We may change 2 bananas and 5 apples to 2 fruits and 5 fruits. We may then correctly take 2 fruits out of 5 fruits.

1. Subtract 2 marbles from 9 marbles. What is the difference?
2. Amy had 6 cats. 2 of the cats ran away. How many cats Amy is left with?
3. What is the difference between 18 inches and 25 inches?
(NOTE: Count from 18 to 25. How much is more are 25 from 18?)

End of Lesson