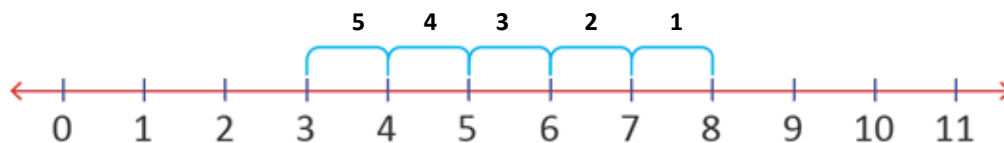# Subtraction on Number Line

☞ We can subtract the numbers using number line, it help us to subtract the number fast.

Look at the example:

Let's see how number line can be used for subtraction.

Consider 8 – 5

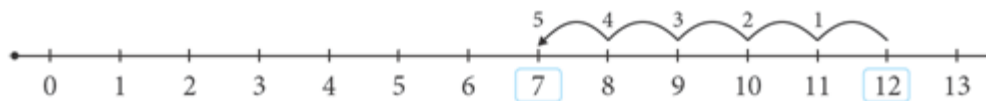To subtract using a number line, start from 8 and jump backward 5 steps.

We reach at 3

So, **8 – 5 = 3**

⇨ **Example:** 12 – 5 =?

Place your finger on 12 and move backwards 5 steps. You will reach 7.

That is, **12 – 5 = 7.**

Going backwards on the number line is known as counting backwards.