

Subtraction of Liters and Milliliters

⇒ Subtraction of Capacity

Example: Subtract 39ℓ 489 mL from 50ℓ.

Steps of Subtraction:

Step 1: Subtraction milliliters. But $0 < 9$, so we cannot subtract. Hence, we borrow 1ℓ from the 'ℓ' column. In the 'mℓ' column, $1000 - 489 = 511$ mL.

Write 511 mL in the 'mℓ' column.

Step 2: Subtract liters, $49 - 39 = 10$.

Write 10 in the 'ℓ' column.

Thus, $50\ell - 39\ell 489\text{ mL} = 10\ell 511\text{ mL}$.

	ℓ	mℓ
	49 50	1000 000
+	39	489
	10	511