



Subtraction

Understanding the Topic

- **Subtraction** means taking away or finding how many are left
- We use the **minus sign (-)** to subtract
- The answer we get is called the **difference**
- We can subtract by:
 - Counting backward
 - Using fingers
 - Using number line
 - Breaking into tens and ones

Example: $9 - 3$ means take away 3 from 9 → answer is 6

Examples with Solutions

Example: $15 - 4$

- **Start at 15 and count back 4 steps:** 14, 13, 12, 11
Answer: 11

Example: $20 - 5$

- **Count back from 20:** 19, 18, 17, 16, 15
Answer: 15

Example: $50 - 10$

- **Subtract tens directly:** $50 - 10 = 40$
Answer: 40

Example: $36 - 6$

- **Count back 6 steps from 36:** 35, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30
Answer: 30

Example: $42 - 2$

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- Count back 2 steps from 42: 41, 40

Answer: 40

Summary Points

- Subtraction means **taking away** or **finding what's left**
- We use the **minus sign** (–) to subtract
- The result is called the **difference**
- We can subtract by counting backward, using fingers, or breaking into parts

Example: $18 - 5 = 13$ means 13 is left