Subtraction

Understanding the Topic

- Subtraction means taking away from a number to find what is left
- The sign for subtraction is −
- The answer we get after subtraction is called the difference
- Subtraction helps us solve problems like "how many are left?" or "how many less?"
- We can use fingers, objects, or number lines to learn subtraction

How to Do Subtraction

- **Step 1:** Start with the first (bigger) number
- **Step 2:** Take away the second (smaller) number
- **Step 3:** Count how many are left
- **Step 4:** Write the answer after the =

Examples with Solutions

Example 1

6 − 2 = ?

Take away 2 from 6

Answer: 4

Example 2

9 − 4 = ?

Take away 4 from 9

Answer: 5

Example 3

7 − 3 = ?

Take away 3 from 7

Answer: 4

Example 4

10 − 5 = ?

Take away 5 from 10

Answer: 5

Example 5

8 − 1 = ?

Take away 1 from 8

Answer: 7

Summary Points

- Subtraction means to take away

- We use the − sign in subtraction

- The answer is called the difference

- Use fingers, objects, or number lines to understand better

- Subtraction helps us know what is left or how many less