

Strategies Used to Solve Subtraction Problems

<p style="text-align: center;">Counting Back</p> <p>Begin with the starting number and count back the amount subtracted</p> $8 - 3$ <p>Start at 8, count back 3 times,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8, 7, 6, 5</p> $8 - 3 = 5$	<p style="text-align: center;">Counting Up</p> <p>Begin with the amount subtracted and count up to the starting number</p> $8 - 3$ <p>Start at 3, count up to 8.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8</p> <p>5 numbers were added on.</p> $8 - 3 = 5$
<p style="text-align: center;">Minus 9</p> <p>Subtracting 9 is like subtracting 10 and adding 1</p> $14 - 9$ $(14 + 1) - (9 + 1)$ $15 - 10$ 5 $14 - 9 = 5$	<p style="text-align: center;">Minus 0</p> <p>Subtracting 0 from a number does not affect the total</p> $12 - 0 = 12$
<p style="text-align: center;">Minus 1</p> <p>Subtracting 1 is like counting backward once</p> $7 - 1 = 6$ <p style="text-align: center;">7, 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Minus 2</p> <p>Subtracting 2 is like counting backward twice.</p> $7 - 2 = 5$ <p style="text-align: center;">7, 6, 5</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Decompose the Number Subtracted to Form a Known Fact</p> $14 - 9$ $14 - 4 - 5$ $10 - 5$ 5 $14 - 9 = 5$	<p style="text-align: center;">Decompose the Starting Number to Form a Known Fact</p> $14 - 9$ $(10 + 4) - 9$ $(10 - 9) + 4$ $1 + 4$ 5 $14 - 9 = 5$