

Finding the difference between
two numbers:

THE COUNTING-UP METHOD



The “Counting-up” Method of Subtraction

- Use this method to find the difference between two numbers
- You may be able to do this problem in your head
- You can also use a pencil when doing math problems!

(I know.... duh!)



Find the Difference

Counting-up is one way to find the difference between two numbers:

Ex. The difference between 345 and 338 is...?

You can also subtract the smaller number from the larger number

Ex. Subtract 338 from 345 to know the difference...?

You can write the problem like this:

$$345 - 338 = \underline{\quad\quad} \quad \text{OR} \quad \begin{array}{r} 345 \\ - 338 \\ \hline ? \end{array}$$

To read the problem, use the word minus like this:

“Three hundred forty-five minus three hundred thirty-eight equals...”

Steps to Counting-up

1. First, write the two numbers on your paper like this

345 338

2. Next... look at the two numbers, and figure out which one is smaller

345 338

Steps to Counting-up

3. Write the smaller number near the top of your paper
(leave some room below for the rest of the numbers)

4. Then, on the next line, count up to the larger number:

$$\begin{array}{r} 338 \\ + \quad 7 \\ \hline 345 \end{array}$$

*Remember to circle the numbers that you use to count up

Steps to Counting-up

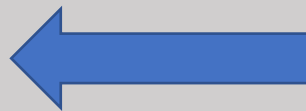
See that circled number? That's your answer. $345 - 338 = 7$

$$\begin{array}{r} 338 \\ + \textcircled{7} \\ \hline 345 \end{array}$$

Try it yourself!

What's $220 - 218$?

$$\begin{array}{r} 218 \\ + 2 \\ \hline 220 \end{array}$$



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