



How Do You Want to Subtract?

Let's use subtraction methods that work for the numbers in a problem.



Activity 1

Choose Your Own Subtraction Method

Show your thinking using drawings, numbers, or words.

1. $20 - 15 =$

2. $19 - 3 =$

3. $13 - 5 =$

4. $18 - 9 =$

5. $17 - 15 =$

Activity 2

Solve Story Problems

Show your thinking using drawings, numbers, or words.

1. 12 pencils are on the table.

The teacher picks up 7.

How many pencils are still on the table?

2. Clare gets 8 glue sticks from the red table.

She gets some more from the blue table.

Now she has 15 glue sticks.

How many did she get from the blue table?

3. Kiran has 17 crayons.
He gives some to his friends.
Now he has 9 crayons.
How many did he give to his friends?

