

# Subtracting Whole Numbers

Here is how to subtract. Find  $7,445 - 1,368$

Estimate:  $7,000 - 1,000 = 6,000$

**Step 1**

$$\begin{array}{r} 315 \\ 7,44\cancel{5} \\ - 1,368 \\ \hline 7 \end{array}$$

You cannot subtract 8 ones from 5 ones. You must regroup.

Regroup 4 tens as 3 tens and 10 ones.

Subtract 8 ones from 15 ones.

**Step 2**

$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ 3\cancel{3}15 \\ 7,44\cancel{5} \\ - 1,368 \\ \hline 77 \end{array}$$

You cannot subtract 6 tens from 3 tens. You must regroup.

Regroup 4 hundreds as 3 hundreds and 10 tens.

Subtract 6 tens from 13 tens.

**Step 3**

$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ 3\cancel{3}15 \\ 7,44\cancel{5} \\ - 1,368 \\ \hline 077 \end{array}$$

Subtract 3 hundreds from 3 hundreds.

**Step 4**

$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ 3\cancel{3}15 \\ 7,44\cancel{5} \\ - 1,368 \\ \hline 6,077 \end{array}$$

Subtract 1 thousand from 7 thousand.

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 6,077 \\ + 1,368 \\ \hline 7,445 \end{array}$$

You can check your answer using addition.

Subtract.

**1.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 624 \\ - 379 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**2.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 759 \\ - 211 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**3.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 814 \\ - 662 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**4.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 391 \\ - 208 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**5.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 4,772 \\ - 1,671 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**6.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 8,335 \\ - 4,188 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**7.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 4,219 \\ - 1,379 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**8.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 5,216 \\ - 2,158 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- 9. Estimation** Carlos has 2,175 marbles. Emily has 1,833 marbles. Carlos says that he has about 1,000 more marbles than Emily. Is Carlos correct? Explain your answer.

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