

Can I solve missing number subtraction problems?

How can you solve the problems below?

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - 10 = 15$$

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - 376 = 985$$

How can you solve these ones?

Can you spot the difference?

$$\underline{50} - \underline{\quad} = 10$$

$$\underline{894} - \underline{\quad} = 457$$

When the missing number is at the start - we use the inverse.

$$\underline{\quad\quad} - 50 = 50 \quad \text{so } 50 + 50 = \underline{100}$$

$$\underline{100} - 50 = 50.$$

When the missing number is second we take away as normal.

$$500 - \underline{\quad\quad} = 100 \quad \text{so } 500 - 100 = \underline{400}$$

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Try the following problems...

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - 900 = 1500$$

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - 1789 = 3439$$

$$8004 - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 2782$$

You can always check your answer by solving the number sentence.

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★ Remember ★
One digit per box
Neat presentation
Use the X grid if
you need it
Double check

How might we solve this problem?

What do you notice about the = sign?

$$850 = 1780 - \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$