

More Subtraction with Borrowing

When subtracting make sure your **HUNDREDS, TENS** and **UNITS** in the right place. Remember we need to 'borrow' from the **TENS** column when there is a smaller number on top.

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2 is less than 9, so we make the 2 larger by 'borrowing' a TEN. Reduce the 4 TENS by 1 and increase the 2 UNITS by 10. Then you can carry on the sum as normal.

$12 - 9 = 3$ and $3 - 2 = 1$

Try it yourself:

T	U
6	1
-3	3
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T	U
4	0
-1	4
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T	U
3	5
-1	6
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T	U
7	1
-6	3
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T	U
9	0
-4	4
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T	U
3	5
-2	9
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T	U
2	2
-1	8
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T	U
5	8
-2	7
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When the numbers get bigger, we use the same method. You might have to 'borrow' more than once . . . this is when it is really important to write down what the numbers have been changed to so you don't get confused!

H	T	U	$242 - 59 = ?$
	3	12	
2	4	2	← As usual, start with the UNITS.
-	5	9	
	3	3	Once we've 'borrowed'; $12 - 9 = 3$

Now we have 3 and 5 in the TENS column. 3 is less than 5, so we will need to 'borrow' from the HUNDREDS column to be able to subtract. Reduce the 2 HUNDREDS by 1 and increase the 3 TENS to 13, just like you would do with the UNITS.

$$13 - 5 = 8$$

So we put 8 in the TENS column and 1 then goes in the HUNDREDS column to give the answer of 183.

H	T	U
	13	
1	3	12
-	5	9
	8	3

Try it yourself:

H T U	H T U	H T U	H T U
2 2 4	2 5 5	2 7 8	3 3 7
- 6 3	- 3 1	- 5 4	- 9 7