

$$0 = 8 - 8$$

Subtract a number from itself and
the difference is 0.

Minus Itself

A Number

Minus Zero

Subtract 0 from a number and the
number stays the same.

$$8 - 0 = 8$$

$17 - 15 = 2$ Count up two from 15 to 17.

Count up to find the difference when
the numbers are close together.

Count Up

Count Back

Count back to take away small
numbers, such as 1, 2, or 3.

$17 - 1 = 16$ $17 - 2 = 15$ $17 - 3 = 14$

$$6 + 6 = 12 \text{ so } 12 - 6 = 6$$

If you know the addition doubles, then you know the related subtraction fact.

Doubles

Think Addition

To subtract, think of the related addition fact.

$$8 + 6 = 14 \text{ so } 14 - 6 = 8$$

Plus Nine

See 9. Make 10.
Increase each number by one.
Turn $12 - 9$ into $13 - 10$.

Minus Nine

See 9. Think 10.
Subtract 10 and add 1.
See $12 - 9$. Think $12 - 10 + 1$.

$$30 - 10 = 20$$

Subtract 10 and the tens-place digit decreases by one, while the ones-place digit stays the same.

Minus Ten

Tens Partners

If you know the Tens Partners, then you know the related subtraction facts.

$$7 + 3 = 10 \quad \text{so} \quad 10 - 7 = 3$$