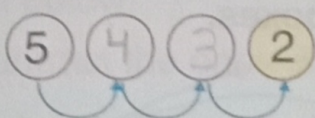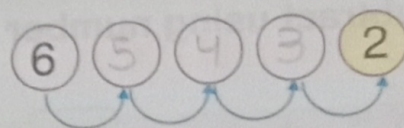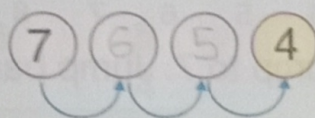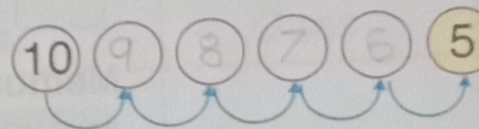# 7 Subtraction

When we remove or take away few things or numbers from a group, we do **subtraction**. In subtraction we count what is left. The symbol of subtraction is '−' (minus).

Subtract by counting backward.

(a) 5 − 3   ⑤ ④ ③ ②

(b) 6 − 4   ⑥ ⑤ ④ ③ ②

(c) 7 − 3   ⑦ ⑥ ⑤ ④
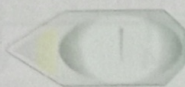
(d) 10 − 5   ⑩ ⑨ ⑧ ⑦ ⑥ ⑤
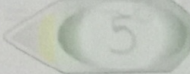
Example : Subtract 4 from 6.
We write the digits as shown :
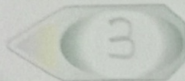
$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ -4 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$
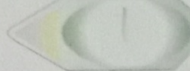
The difference between 6 and 4 is 2. ∴ 6 − 4 = 2.

Exercise

1. **Fill in the blanks.**

(a) 3 − 2 = ⟨ 1 ⟩

(b) 4 − 1 = ⟨ 3 ⟩

(c) 7 − 5 = ⟨ 2 ⟩

(d) 4 − 3 = ⟨ 1 ⟩

(f) 9 − 4 = ⟨ 5 ⟩

(g) 8 − 7 = ⟨ 1 ⟩

(h) 6 − 2 = ⟨ 4 ⟩

(i) 8 − 4 = ⟨ 4 ⟩