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Subtraction

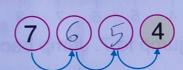
When we remove or take away few things or numbers from a group, we do subtraction. In subtraction we count what is left. The symbol of subtraction is '-' (minus).

Subtract by counting backward.

(a)
$$5 - 3$$



(c)
$$7 - 3$$



Example: Subtract 4 from 6.

We write the digits as shown:

-4

The difference between 6 and 4 is 2. \therefore 6 – 4 = 2.

Exercise

1. Fill in the blanks.

(a)
$$3 - 2 = 1$$

(b)
$$4 - 1 = 3$$

(c)
$$7 - 5 = 2$$

(g)
$$8 - 7 = 1$$

(h)
$$6 - 2 = 4$$