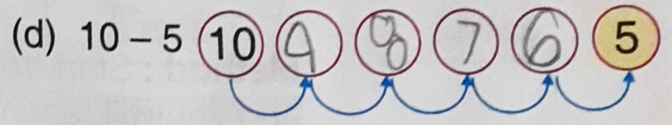# 7 Subtraction
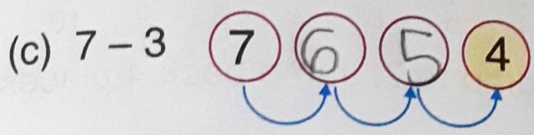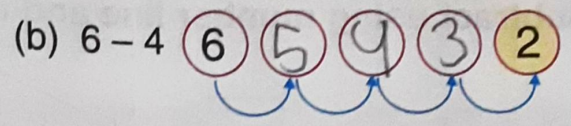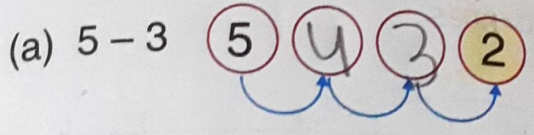
When we remove or take away few things or numbers from a group, we do subtraction. In subtraction we count what is left. The symbol of subtraction is '−' (minus).

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 :

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ -\ 4 \\ \hline \boxed{2} \end{array}$$

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 〉