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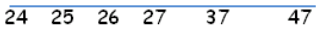
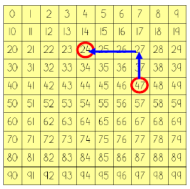
Counting Back (take away reduction)

4 less than 10

13 - 5

47 - 23





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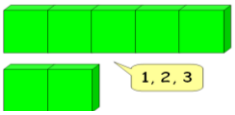

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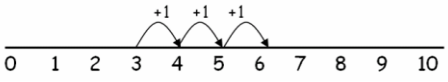
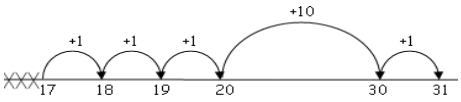
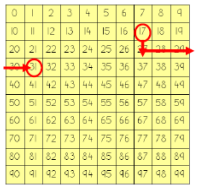


31 – 17



Start at 17 and count on to 31



Years 3 and 4

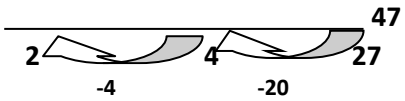
Partitioning

58 – 23
= 58 – 20 – 3
= 38 – 3
= 35

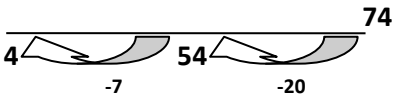
74 – 27
= 74 – 20 – 7
= 54 – 7
= 47

Number line - Counting Back

47 – 23



74 – 27



Columnar Subtraction

874 – 523

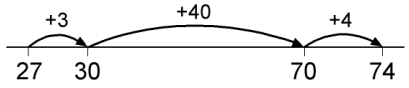
874
- 523
351

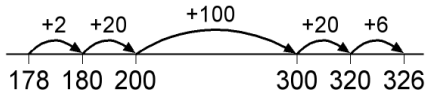
932 - 457

8 12 1
~~9~~ ~~3~~ 2
- 4 5 7
4 7 5

Number line - Counting On

74 – 27





326 – 178

(The number line method is used throughout each year group e.g. 8000 – 2341)

Years 4, 5 & 6

Columnar Subtraction

(using increasingly larger digits and extending to subtraction of money and decimal numbers)

3 11 16 1
~~4~~ ~~2~~ ~~7~~ 1
- 1 6 8 2
2 5 8 9

Subtraction Vocabulary

count back, decrease, difference, less than, left over, minus, subtraction, subtract, take away.