Teacher Note:

The most common approach for learning the subtraction facts is to "think addition". Therefore, subtraction facts are named according to the strategy used for the related addition facts. For example, 9-2=7 is part of the count-on subtraction fact group because it relates to 7+2=9 which involved counting on by two.

Ideas for using Think-Addition Subtraction Strategy Cards

- 1. Show the students a card and allow the students to discover the following:
 - a. The card shows an addition fact.
 - b. The numerals above the dots show how many dots there are on the left-hand and right-hand sides.
 - c. The numeral at the bottom shows how many total dots there are.
- 2. Show a card and discuss the two addition facts that the card shows.
- 3. Hold the 3+2 card so that the flap showing the 3 covers the three dots.
- 4. Ask the students what they know when they look at the card
 - a. There are five dots total.
 - b. Only two dots are showing.
- 5. Ask how we could figure out how many dots are covered.
 - a. We could start at five and count back two to make three.
 - b. We know that two added to three is five, so there must be three dots covered.
- 6. We discussed the addition facts that this card shows earlier, what subtraction equations can we write using this card?
 - a. 5 2 = 3
 - b. 5-3=2
- 7. Students can independently use the cards to become more fluent with their facts after the above ideas are understood.





































