

Subtraction Strategies

Subtracting Zero

The number does not change because you didn't take anything away.

$$5-0=5$$

Subtracting The Same Number

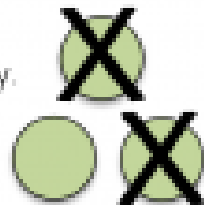
The answer is always zero because you took everything away.

$$5-5=0$$

Draw a Picture

Draw how many you begin with and cross out how many you take away.

$$3-2=1$$



Count Backwards

Count back on a number line or fingers to see where you end up.

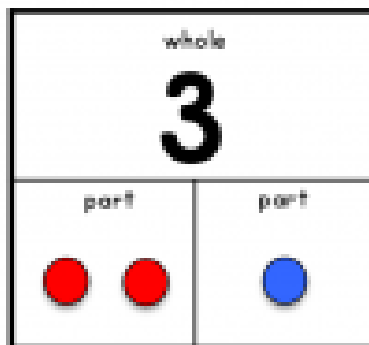


$$5-2=3$$

Part-Part Whole

Whole minus part equals part.

$$3-2=1$$



Count Forward

How many jumps from the middle number to the first number?



$$5-3=? \rightarrow 3+?=5$$

The Doubles Trick

Think about the doubles.

$$\text{If } 2+2=4$$
$$\text{Then } 4-2=2$$

Friends of Ten Trick

Think about making ten.

$$\text{If } 9+1=10$$
$$\text{Then } 10-9=1$$

