SUBTRACTION IS NOT COMMUTATIVE

Commutative means you can switch around the numbers you are using WITHOUT changing the result.

Addition is commutative. You CAN switch around the numbers you are adding and still get the SAME answer to the addition problem.

$$5 + 3 = 8 \text{ and } 3 + 5 = 8$$

$$5 + 3 = 3 + 5$$

You can add numbers in ANY order and still get the same answer every time.

Subtract

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$$3 - 5 = -2$$

(-2 is a negative number, and you'll learn more about negative numbers when you get older.)