

## THREE-DIGIT SUBTRACTION

### What Is Three-Digit Subtraction?

We subtract to compare numbers. We are able to find the difference between numbers through subtraction. We use subtraction to find out how much more we have or how much smaller something is in comparison to another number.

### How to subtract three-digit numbers:

- Line up the three digit numbers so that the ones, tens, and hundreds digits are directly in line with each other. Be sure to place the larger number on top.
- Draw a line under the bottom number.
- Subtract the bottom digit in the ones' place column from the top number. If the top digit is smaller than the bottom digit, you need to trade to make the top digit larger than the bottom digit.
- Subtract the bottom digit in the tens' place column from the top number. If the top digit is smaller than the bottom digit, trade from the hundreds' place column to the tens' place column.
- Subtract the digits in the hundreds' place column. Trade if necessary. Place the answer below the line in the hundreds' place column.



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$$\begin{array}{r} 456 \\ -241 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 468 \\ -222 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 378 \\ - 43 \\ \hline \end{array}$$