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What is Subtraction

Subtraction: Taking Away to Find What's Left!

DEFINITION

> Subtraction is the process of taking one number away from another. It helps us find out how many are left after removing some items.

KEY CONCEPTS

Minuend

The number from which another number is subtracted.

Subtrahend

The number that is being subtracted.

Difference

The result of a subtraction operation.

Number Line

A visual tool that helps to understand subtraction by showing distances between numbers.

Regrouping

A method used when subtracting larger numbers, involving borrowing from the next place value.

EXAMPLES

→ 5 - 2 = 3

→ 10 - 4 = 6

→ 8 - 3 = 5

MEMORY TIPS

★ Think of subtraction as 'taking away' things.

★ Use fingers to count down when subtracting small numbers.

★ Remember: Minuend minus Subtrahend equals Difference.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing minuend and subtrahend.

✗ Forgetting to regroup when necessary.

✗ Misreading the problem and subtracting incorrectly.

QUICK RECAP

Subtraction is about taking away to find out what remains. Remember the terms minuend, subtrahend, and difference. Practice with examples to master the concept!