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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 illustrate subtraction by showing numbers in a straight line.

Borrowing

A method used in subtraction when the top digit is smaller than the bottom digit.

EXAMPLES

- $5 - 2 = 3$
- $10 - 4 = 6$
- $7 - 3 = 4$

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Remember: Subtraction means 'take away.'
- ★ Think of subtraction as counting backwards.
- ★ Use fingers to visualize taking away items.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Confusing minuend and subtrahend.
- ✗ Forgetting to borrow when needed.
- ✗ Misplacing numbers in column subtraction.

QUICK RECAP

Subtraction is all about finding out what remains after taking some away. Remember the terms minuend, subtrahend, and difference to help you solve problems accurately.