

## Subtracting integers (2-3)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8gPsOwKYiU>

You can stop after 8 minutes and 40 seconds.

# Subtracting Integers

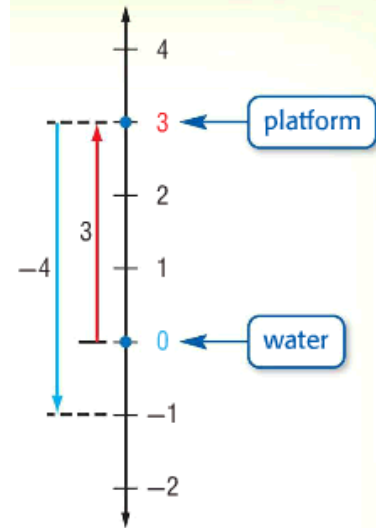


## Real-World Link

**Diving** The platform on a diving board is 3 meters high. The actions of a diver climbing up to the diving board platform and diving 1 meter below the water's surface are shown on the number line at the right.

The diver's actions can be represented by the subtraction equation  $3 - 4 = -1$ .

1. Write a related **addition** sentence for the subtraction sentence.



•  $3 + -4 = -1$

2. Use a number line to find  $1 - 5$ . Then write a related addition sentence for the subtraction sentence.



Difference:  $-4$

Additional sentence:  $1 + -5 = -4$

*Subtracting Integers, it is as easy as adding.... in fact you have to change it into an addition problem.*

## Steps to change a subtraction problem into an addition problem

**Step 1: keep** - the first number

**Step 2: add** - change the minus sign to addition

**Step 3: opposite** - change the number *after* the subtraction sign to its opposite.

For example:  $-80 - 20$

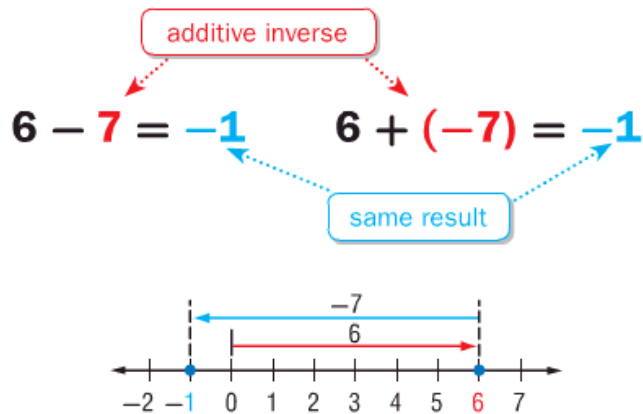
(KEEP                  ADD                  OPPOSITE)  
 $-80 \quad + \quad -20$

Now follow rules for addition!

## Subtract Integers

<b>Words</b>	To subtract an integer, add its additive inverse.
<b>Symbols</b>	$p - q = p + (-q)$
<b>Examples</b>	$4 - 9 = 4 + (-9) = -5$ $7 - (-10) = 7 + (10) = 17$

When you subtract 7, the result is the same as adding its additive inverse,  $-7$ .



## Examples

1. Find  $8 - 13$ . keep add opposite

$$8 + -13 \quad \text{Follow rules for addition}$$

$$\boxed{-5}$$

2. Find  $-10 - 7$ . keep add opposite

$$-10 + -7 \quad \text{Follow rules for addition}$$

$$\boxed{-17}$$

**Got It?** Do these problems to find out.

a.  $6 - 12$  k a o

$$6 + -12$$

$$\boxed{-6}$$

b.  $-20 - 15$  k a o

$$-20 + -15$$

$$\boxed{-35}$$

c.  $-22 - 26$  k a o

$$-22 + -26$$

$$\boxed{-48}$$

## Examples

3. Find  $1 - (-2)$ .

keep add opposite

$$1 + 2$$

Follow rules for addition

$$\boxed{3}$$

4. Find  $-10 - (-7)$ .

keep add opposite

$$-10 + 7$$

Follow rules for addition

$$\boxed{-3}$$

**Got It?** Do these problems to find out.

d.  $4 - (-12)$

keep add opposite

$$4 + 12$$

Follow rules for addition

$$\boxed{16}$$

e.  $-15 - (-5)$

keep add opposite

$$-15 + 5$$

Follow rules for addition

$$\boxed{-10}$$

f.  $18 - (-6)$

keep add opposite

$$18 + 6$$

Follow rules for addition

$$\boxed{24}$$

*Now let's evaluate an expression...*

Steps:

1. Write the expression
2. Substitute the value of the variables into the expression
3. Solve



5. Evaluate  $x - y$  if  $x = -6$  and  $y = -5$ .

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x - y \\
 -6 - (-5) \quad \text{keep add opposite} \\
 -6 + 5 \quad \text{Follow rules for addition} \\
 \boxed{-1}
 \end{array}$$

6. Evaluate  $m - n$  if  $m = -15$  and  $n = 8$ .

$$\begin{array}{l}
 m - n \\
 -15 - 8 \quad \text{keep add opposite} \\
 -15 + -8 \quad \text{Follow rules for addition} \\
 \boxed{-23}
 \end{array}$$

**Got It?** Do these problems to find out.

Evaluate each expression if  $a = 5$ ,  $b = -8$ , and  $c = -9$ .

g.  $b - 10$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 -8 - 10 \quad \text{keep add opposite} \\
 -8 + -10 \quad \text{Follow rules for addition} \\
 \boxed{-18}
 \end{array}$$

h.  $a - b$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 5 - -8 \quad \text{keep add opposite} \\
 5 + 8 \quad \text{Follow rules for addition} \\
 \boxed{13}
 \end{array}$$

i.  $c - a$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 -9 - 5 \quad \text{keep add opposite} \\
 -9 + -5 \quad \text{Follow rules for addition} \\
 \boxed{-14}
 \end{array}$$



## Example



7. The temperatures on the Moon vary from  $-173^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $127^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Find the **difference** between the maximum and minimum temperatures

Note: DIFFERENCE means to subtract the smaller number from the bigger number. All negative numbers and smaller than positive numbers

$$127 - -173 \quad \text{keep add opposite}$$

$$127 + 173 \quad \text{Follow rules for addition}$$

$$300$$

TB	173
	+127
	300

What does this mean: The difference between the maximum and minimum temperatures is 300 degrees.

### Got It? Do this problem to find out.

Brenda had a balance of  $-\$52$  in her account. The bank charged her a fee of  $\$10$  for having a negative balance. What is her new balance?

Expression:

$$-52 - 10 \quad \text{keep add opposite}$$

$$-52 + -10 \quad \text{Follow rules for addition}$$

$$-62$$

What does this mean: Brenda will have a negative balance of  $\$62$ .

Try these:

Watch your signs!

1.  $-6 - 7$  keep add opposite

$$\begin{array}{r} -6 + -7 \\ \hline -13 \end{array}$$

Follow rules for addition

3.  $-8 - (-3)$  keep add opposite

$$\begin{array}{r} -8 + 3 \\ \hline -5 \end{array}$$

Follow rules for addition

2.  $7 - 15$  keep add opposite

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 + -15 \\ \hline -8 \end{array}$$

Follow rules for addition

4.  $10 - (-18)$  keep add opposite

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 + 18 \\ \hline 28 \end{array}$$

Follow rules for addition





Try these:

5.  $-8 - (-9)$  keep add opposite

$-8 + 9$   
Follow rules for addition  
 $1$

6.  $6 - (-3)$  keep add opposite

$6 + 3$   
Follow rules for addition  
 $9$



Show your work

7.  $-4 - 2$  keep add opposite

$-4 + -2$   
Follow rules for addition  
 $-6$

8.  $2 - (-1)$  keep add opposite

$2 + 1$   
Follow rules for addition  
 $3$

## Guided Practice



Subtract. (Examples 1–4)

1.  $14 - 17 =$  keep add opposite

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 + -17 \\ \hline \boxed{-3} \end{array}$$

Follow rules for addition

2.  $14 - (-10) =$  keep add opposite

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 + 10 \\ \hline \boxed{24} \end{array}$$

Follow rules for addition

3.  $12 - 26 =$  keep add opposite

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 + -26 \\ \hline \boxed{-14} \end{array}$$

Follow rules for addition

4. Evaluate  $q - r$  if  $q = -14$  and  $r = -6$ . (Examples 5 and 6)

$$\begin{array}{r} q - r \\ -14 - -6 \\ \hline -14 + 6 \\ \hline \boxed{-8} \end{array}$$

keep add opposite  
Follow rules for addition

5. **STEM** The sea surface temperatures range from  $-2^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $31^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Find the **difference** between the maximum and minimum temperatures. (Example 7)

Expression:  $31 - -2$  keep add opposite  
 $31 + 2$  Follow rules for addition  
 $33$

What does this mean: The difference is 33 degrees.

6. **Building on the Essential Question** If  $x$  and  $y$  are positive integers, is  $x - y$  always positive? Explain.

$$\begin{array}{r} x - y \\ 1 - 7 \\ \hline 1 + -7 \\ \hline \boxed{-6} \end{array}$$

keep add opposite  
Follow rules for addition

$x = 1$   
 $y = 7$   
Plug in any values for  $x$  and  $y$ .  
Make sure it works every time!

### Rate Yourself!

How well do you understand subtracting integers? Circle the image that applies.



Clear



Somewhat Clear



Not So Clear

For more help, go online to access a Personal Tutor.



**FOLDABLES** Time to update your Foldable!

No. If the absolute value of  $y$  is bigger than  $x$ , you will not get a positive answer. Also, if  $x = y$ , the answer is zero. Only when  $x > y$  will you get a positive result.

