

Max's Mathematical Mountain of Subtraction

Subtract with Success: Scale the Peak of Precision!

- When you have a smaller digit on top in a column, you must exchange ten from the column to the left to ensure the subtraction can be completed correctly.
- Always align your digits carefully according to their place value; ensure your thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones are perfectly stacked in their own vertical columns.
- The 'difference' is the final result of your calculation, representing the gap between the starting amount and the amount you have removed.
- If you are subtracting money, such as £45.50 minus £12.25, remember to keep the decimal point in the same position in your answer as it is in the question.
- You can check if your subtraction is accurate by using the inverse operation; simply add your answer to the amount you subtracted to see if you get back to the original starting number.

Did you know? Did you know that the word 'subtract' comes from the Latin word 'subtrahere', which means 'to pull away'? When you subtract, you are effectively pulling away a smaller quantity from a larger one to find the difference between them!

Key vocabulary: Difference · Exchange · Column Subtraction · Minuend · Subtrahend · Place Value · Regrouping