

Mastering the Art of Subtraction with Max the Monkey

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- When using the column subtraction method, always start your calculation from the ones column and work towards the left. Why is this sequence essential when you need to exchange across columns?
- The number you are subtracting from is called the minuend. The number being taken away is the subtrahend. The final result is the difference.
- If the digit in the subtrahend is greater than the digit in the minuend, you must 'exchange' ten from the column to the left. This turns one unit of a higher place value into ten units of the current place value.
- Subtraction is the inverse operation of addition. You can check the accuracy of your subtraction result by adding your answer to the subtrahend; the sum should equal your original minuend.
- When subtracting money, ensure your decimal points are aligned vertically to keep your pounds and pence in their correct place value columns.

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'subtraction' comes from the Latin word 'subtractio', which means 'to draw away'. Mathematicians have used this concept for thousands of years to calculate everything from building pyramids to managing trade routes across the ancient world!

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