

**Subtraction**

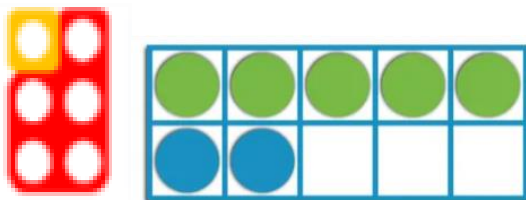
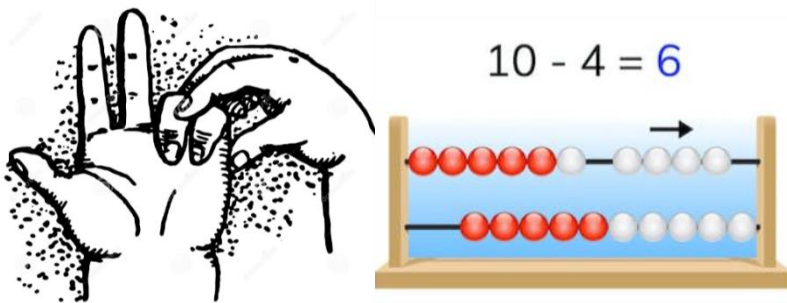
Skill	Year	Representations and Models
Subtract single digit numbers to develop number bonds of numbers to 5 and some number bonds to 10.	Reception	Rekenrek, Fingers, Tens Frame(Within 10) Numicon

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Subtract two 1-digit numbers to 10	1	Part-whole model Bar model Number shapes	Ten frames (within 10) Bead strings (10) Number tracks
Subtract 1 and 2-digit numbers to 20	1	Part-whole model Bar model Number shapes Ten frames (within 20)	Bead string (20) Number tracks Number lines (labelled) Straws
Subtract 1 and 2-digit numbers to 100	2	Part-whole model Bar model Number lines (labelled)	Number lines (blank) Straws Hundred square
Subtract two 2-digit numbers	2	Part-whole model Bar model Number lines (blank) Straws	Base 10 Place value counters Column subtraction

Skill	Year	Representations and models	
Subtract with up to 3-digits	3	Part-whole model Bar model	Base 10 Place value counters Column subtraction
Subtract with up to 4-digits	4	Part-whole model Bar model	Base 10 Place value counters Column subtraction
Subtract with more than 4 digits	5	Part-whole model Bar model	Place value counters Column subtraction
Subtract with up to 3 decimal places	5	Part-whole model Bar model	Place value counters Column subtraction

Skill: Subtract single digit numbers to develop number bonds of numbers to 5 and some number bonds to 10.

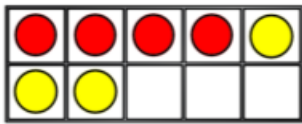
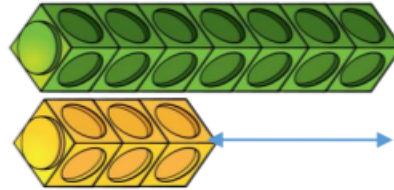
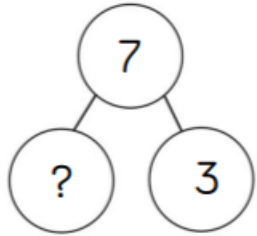
## Reception



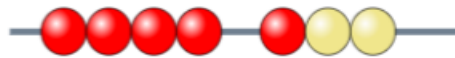
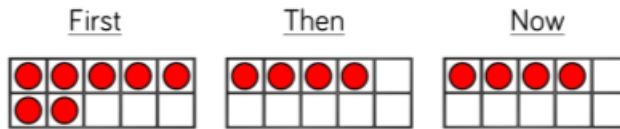
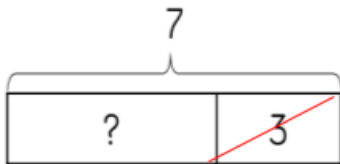
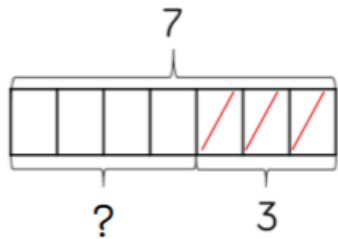
Children will use manipulatives to explore subtraction. Using fingers, a rekenrek and a tens frame gives children the opportunity to explore numbers within 5 and then beyond. Numicon encourages children to visualise patterns and calculate by combining the patterns.

Skill: Subtract 1-digit numbers within 10

Year: 1



$$7 - 3 = 4$$



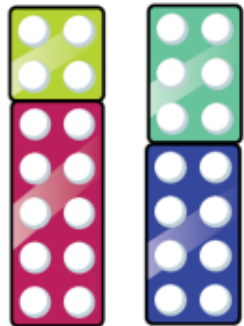
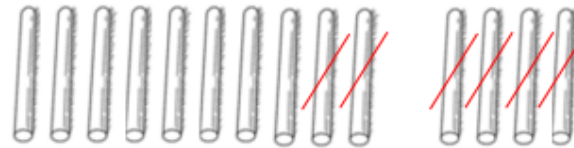
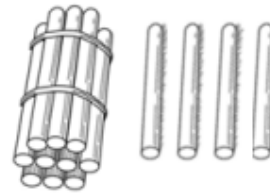
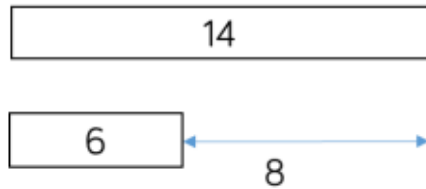
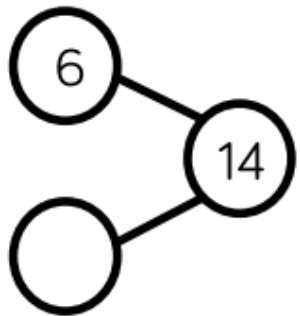
Part-whole models, bar models, ten frames and number shapes support partitioning.

Ten frames, number tracks, single bar models and bead strings support reduction.

Cubes and bar models with two bars can support finding the difference.

# Skill: Subtract 1 and 2-digit numbers to 20

Year: 1/2

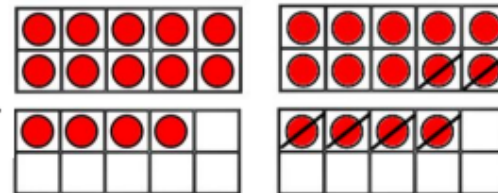


$$14 - 6 = 8$$



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A diagram showing the number 14 with a bracket above it. A diagonal line goes from the top of the bracket to the number 6, and another diagonal line goes from the top of the bracket to the number 8. The number 4 is written below the 14.



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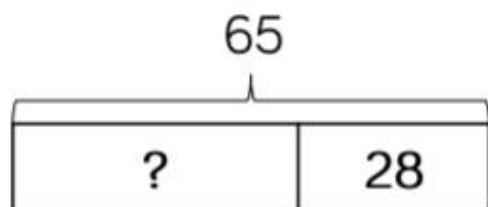
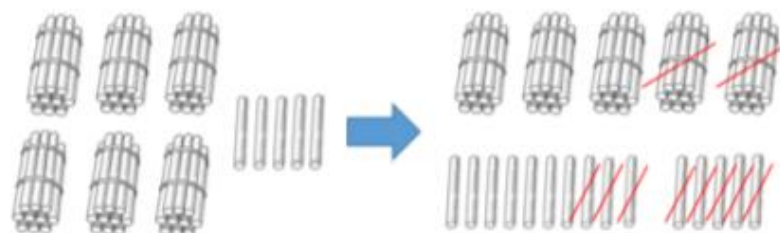
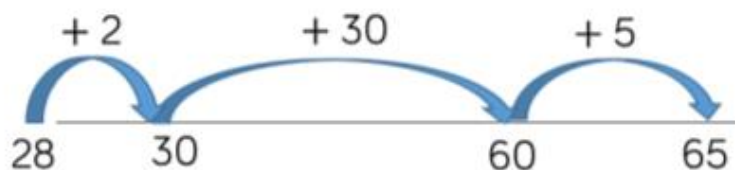
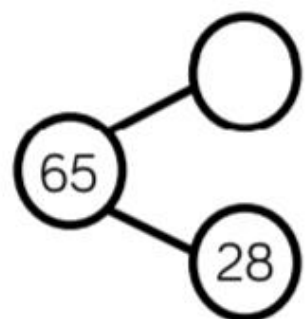
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When subtracting one-digit numbers that cross 10, it is important to highlight the importance of ten ones equalling one ten.

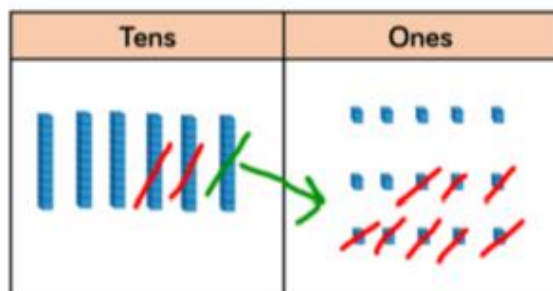
Children should be encouraged to find the number bond to 10 when partitioning the subtracted number. Ten frames, number shapes and number lines are particularly useful for this.

## Skill: Subtract 1 and 2-digit numbers to 100

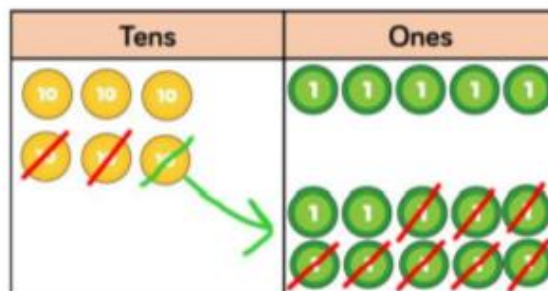
Year: 2



$$65 - 28 = 37$$



$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \quad 1 \\ 65 \\ - 28 \\ \hline 37 \end{array}$$



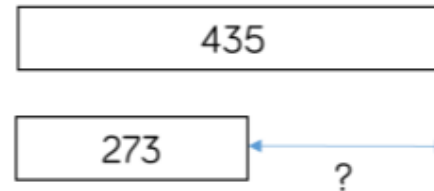
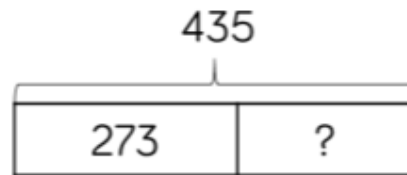
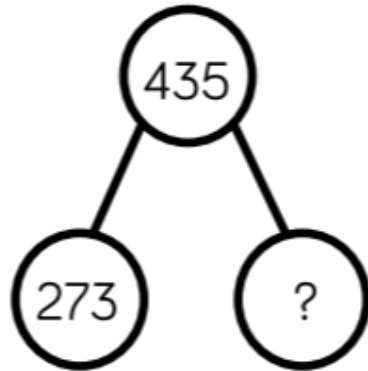
At this stage, encourage children to use the formal column method when calculating alongside straws, base 10 or place value counters. As numbers become larger, straws become less efficient.

Children can also use a blank number line to count on to find the difference. Encourage them to jump to multiples of 10 to become more efficient.

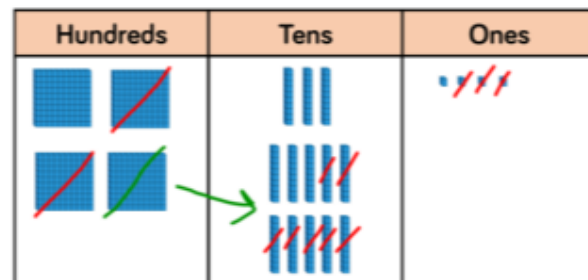


## Skill: Subtract numbers with up to 3 digits

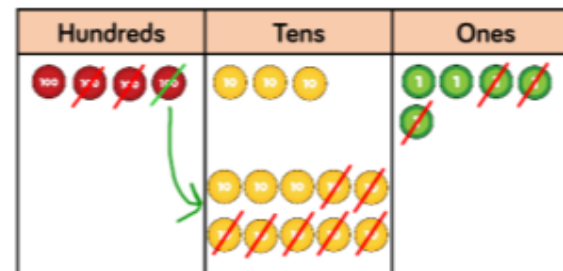
Year: 3



$$435 - 273 = 262$$



$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{0}^3 \phantom{0}^1 435 \\ - 273 \\ \hline 262 \end{array}$$



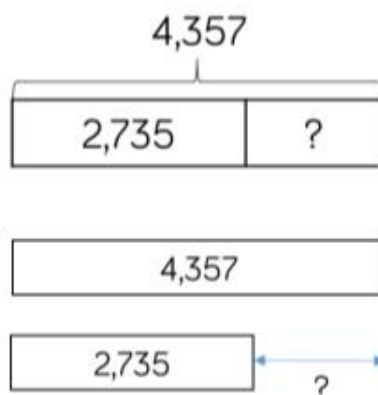
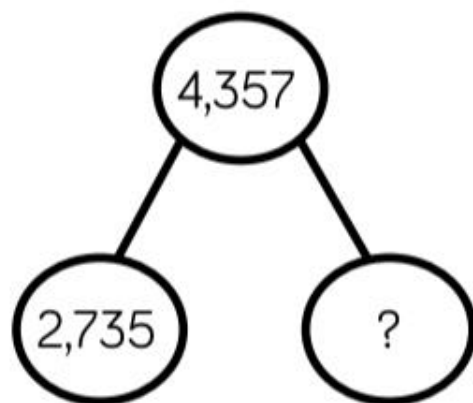
Base 10 and place value counters are the most effective manipulative when subtracting numbers with up to 3 digits.

Ensure children write out their calculation alongside any concrete resources so they can see the links to the written column method.

Plain counters on a place value grid can also be used to support learning.

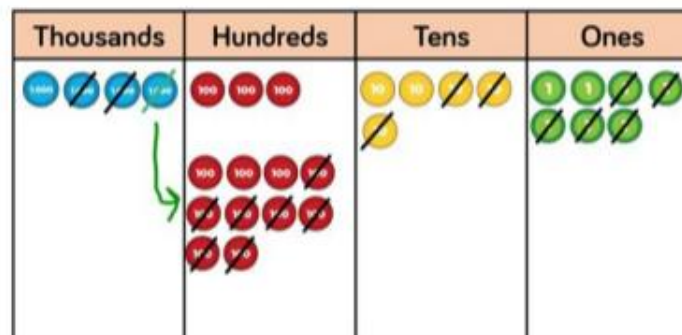
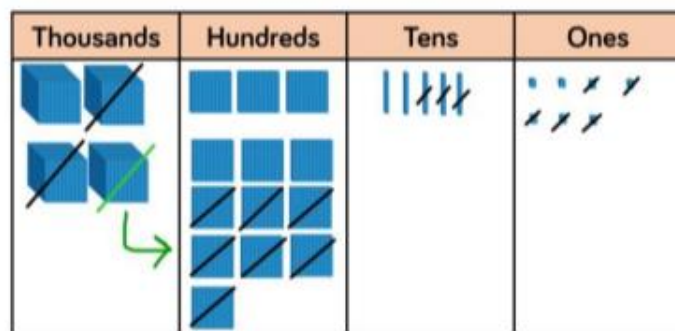
## Skill: Subtract numbers with up to 4 digits

Year: 4



$$\begin{array}{r} \overset{3}{\cancel{4}}\overset{1}{3}57 \\ - 2735 \\ \hline 1622 \end{array}$$

$$4,357 - 2,735 = 1,622$$



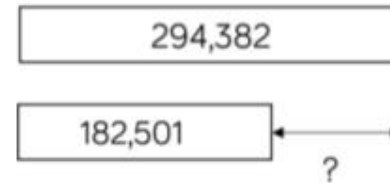
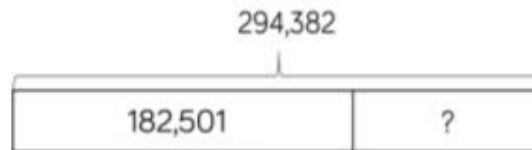
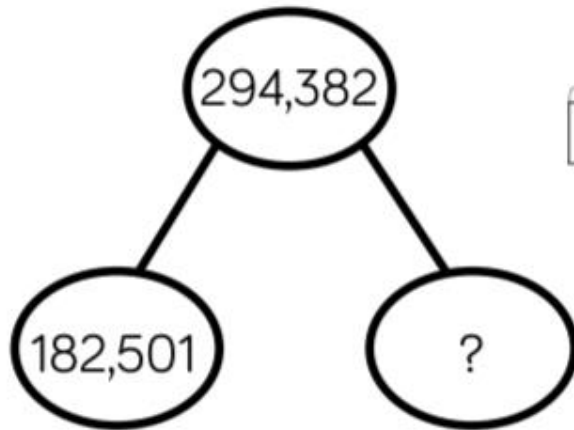
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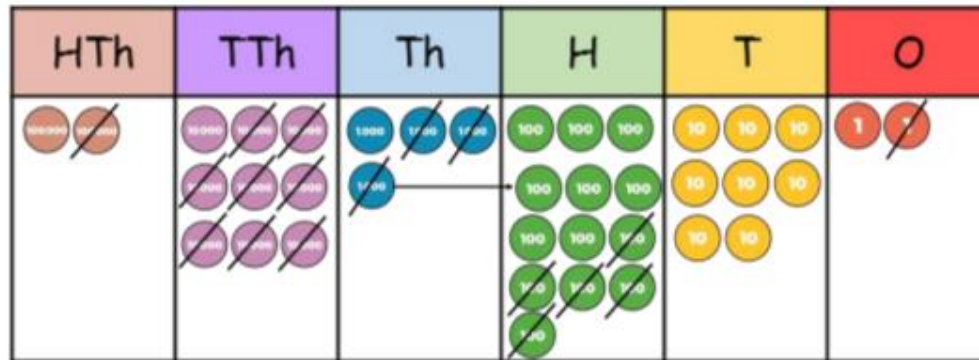
Plain counters on a place value grid can also be used to support learning.

## Skill: Subtract numbers with more than 4 digits

Year: 5/6



$$294,382 - 182,501 = 111,881$$



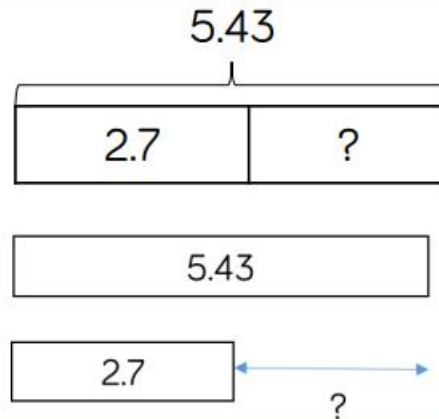
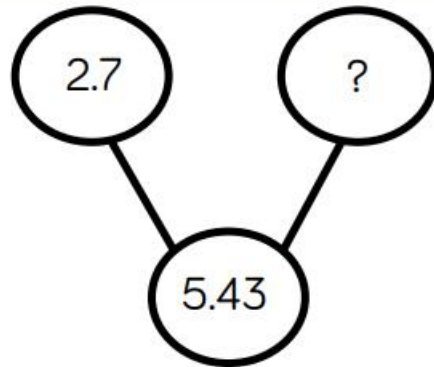
	2	9	<del>3</del>	13	8	2
-	1	8	2	5	0	1
	1	1	1	8	8	1

Place value counters or plain counters on a place value grid are the most effective concrete resource when subtracting numbers with more than 4 digits.

At this stage, children should be encouraged to work in the abstract, using column method to subtract larger numbers efficiently.

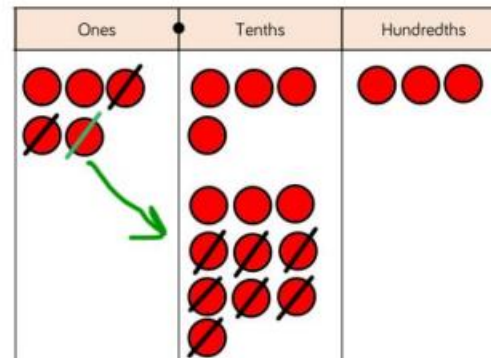
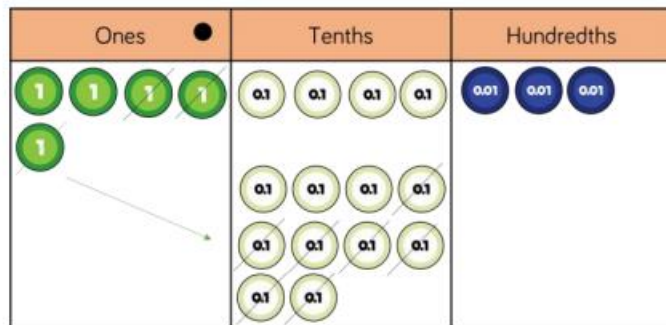
## Skill: Subtract with up to 3 decimal places

Year: 5/6



$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \quad 1 \\ 5.43 \\ - 2.7 \\ \hline 2.73 \end{array}$$

$$5.43 - 2.7 = 2.73$$



Place value counters and plain counters on a place value grid are the most effective manipulative when subtracting decimals with 1, 2 and then 3 decimal places.

Ensure children have experience of subtracting decimals with a variety of decimal places. This includes putting this into context when subtracting money and other measures.