



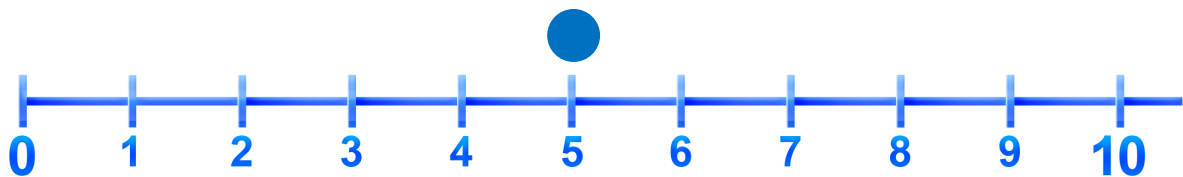
Subtracting numbers using number lines

A number line is a tool to help you work with numbers.

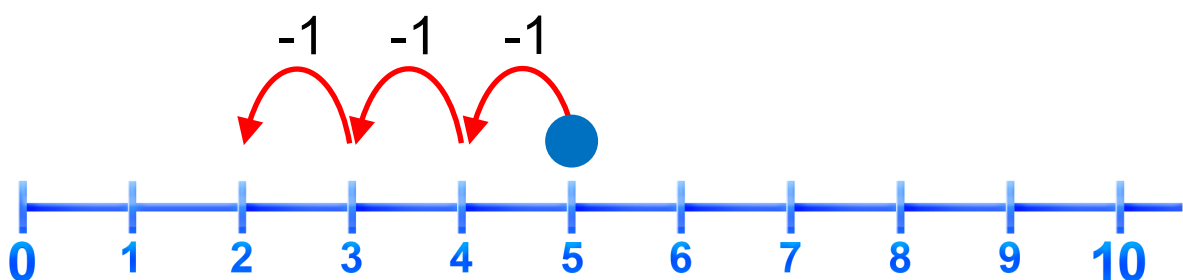


You can use the number line for subtracting numbers, for example $5 - 3$.

Start at the first number (5).



Subtract the other number by moving left along the number line. In this example, subtracting 3 means moving back 3 places. You can draw an arrow to show this.



The answer is the number where you end up.

$$5 - 3 = 2$$