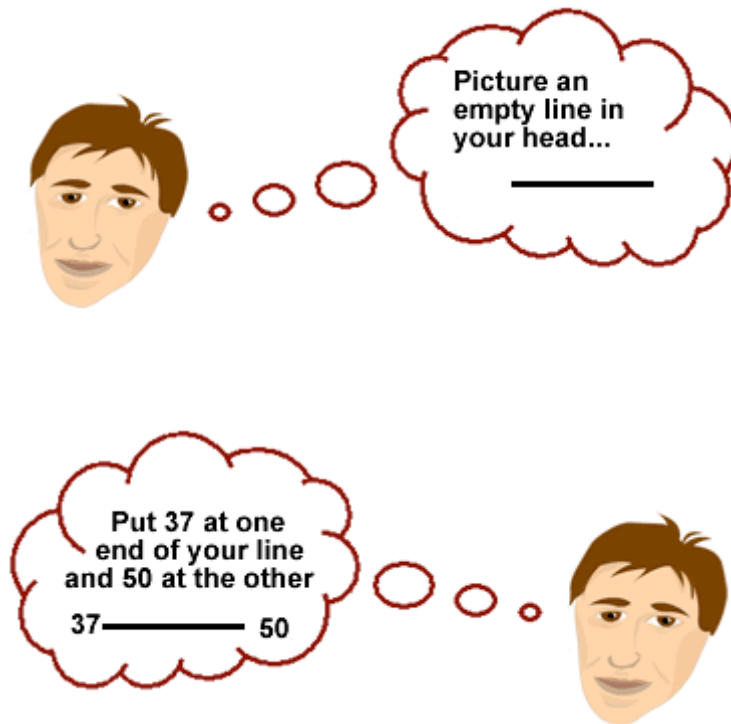




## Counting on using an empty number line

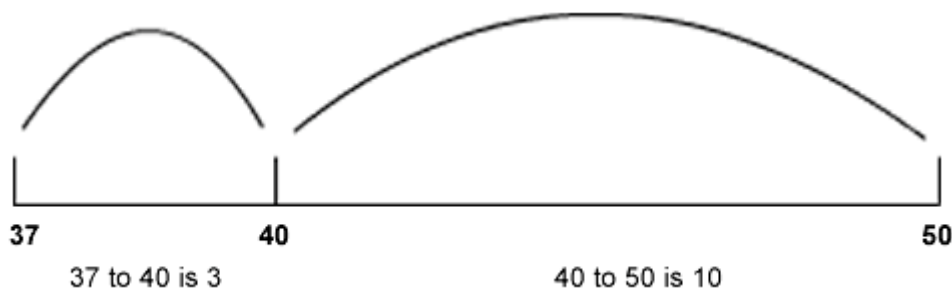
Counting on using an **empty number line** is a good method for subtracting numbers mentally.

Use this method to find the **difference between 37 and 50**. This is the same as the sum  $50 - 37$ .



When you've pictured that line, **count on from 37 to 40**, which makes **3**. Keep that 3 in your head. Then, **count from 40 to 50**, which is **10**.

Have a look below to see how this works.



Now all you need to do is **add the 3 to the 10**. This makes **13**. So:

The difference between 37 and 50 is **13**.

Or:

$$50 - 37 = 13$$