

Help with subtraction: reminders

Here are two reminders to help you with mental subtraction:

Place value

Have a look at the number **623**.

6	0	0	← 6 hundreds
	2	0	← 2 tens
		3	← 3 units
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6	2	3	

- **6** is the hundreds digit.
- **2** is the tens digit.
- **3** is the units digit.

Addition and subtraction are opposites

Check the answer to a subtraction calculation by adding your answer to the number you subtracted. Have a look below:

$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ - 10 \\ \hline 15 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ + 10 \\ \hline 25 \end{array}$
Check the answer by doing the opposite.	

Here you've done the calculation **25 - 10** and got the answer **15**.
To check the answer, add it to the number you subtracted: **15 + 10 = 25**

This is the number you started with so the answer is correct.