Skillswise

Subtracting by splitting up numbers

Splitting up numbers is a good method to use for both addition and subtraction. It's sometimes called **partitioning**.

Subtraction

Take a look at this subtraction calculation:

150 - 34

To make it easier, split the -34 into -30 -4. This makes the calculation:

150 - 30 - 4

First, subtract the 30 from 150:

150 - 30 = 120

Then, subtract the 4 from the 120 to get the answer:

120 - 4 = 116