



Rounding subtraction 1

Rounding is a method for mental subtraction that's useful in many different situations.

Imagine you're shopping and need to work out an amount **quickly**.

For example: £3.70 - 90p



90p is almost £1

I'll takeaway £1 and
then add back 10p

£3.70 - £1.00 = **£2.70**. Adding 10p gives £2.80.

Have a look at how this subtraction calculation can be solved with rounding:

$$64 - 17$$

First, round the 17 up to 20 and work out the answer:

$$64 - 20 = 44$$

As 20 is 3 more than 17, you have taken 3 too many from the total. So you need to add 3:

$$44 + 3 = 47$$

So you can see that:

$$64 - 17 = 47$$