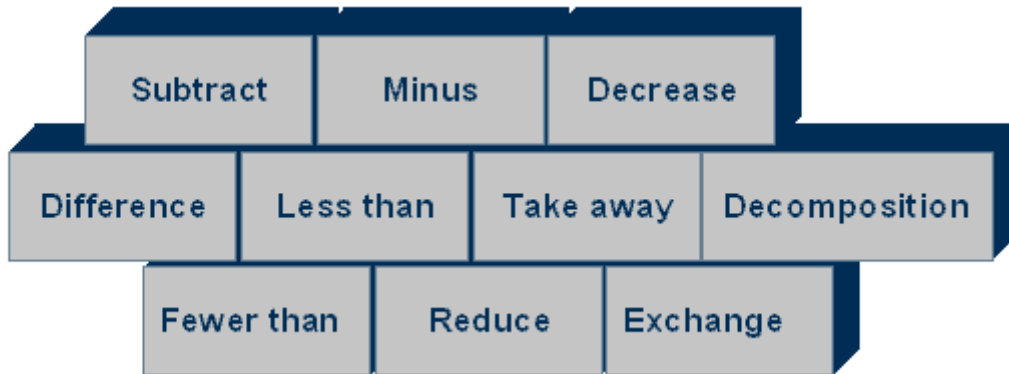


Subtraction glossary

Here are some words that will crop up when doing subtraction calculations:



Look below to see how these words can be used in the simple calculation $8 - 5 = 3$.

Decrease

If you **decrease** 8 by 5 you get 3.

Decomposition

A method of subtraction whereby numbers are broken down into smaller place values: eg one ten is broken down into ten units.

Difference

The **difference** between 8 and 5 is 3.

Exchange

You can **exchange** one ten for ten lots of units.

Fewer than

3 is 5 **fewer than** 8.

Less than

3 is 5 **less than** 8.

Minus

8 **minus** 5 is 3.

Reduce

If you **reduce** 8 by 5 you get 3.

Subtract

If you **subtract** 5 from 8 you are left with 3.

Take away

8 **take away** 5 is 3.

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