



## Identifying subtraction methods - answers

**In what situations in work or everyday life do you subtract (take away) numbers or values?**

There are many times when you want to subtract. For example, you might want to:

- work out the change from a bill
- find the change in temperature
- check how many boxes have been removed from a truck

There are many situations apart from these when subtraction is useful. What did you think of?

You may have been unsure whether you add or subtract in some situations. In fact, you can solve a subtraction problem using addition, because **subtraction is the reverse of addition**. If you're working out the change of £17 from £20, you might think  $20 - 17 = 3$  or you might think  $17 + 3 = 20$ , meaning the answer is £3. Sometimes known as '**adding on**' this is an appropriate way of working out the answer.

**Match methods with examples by pairing a letter with a number. Correct answers:**

- (bridging) matches with 4
- (compensation) matches with 2
- (partitioning) matches with 1
- (counting back) matches with 3

Are there any methods you particularly like or dislike?