

Reception
Subtracting a number.

Concrete - This means using objects.

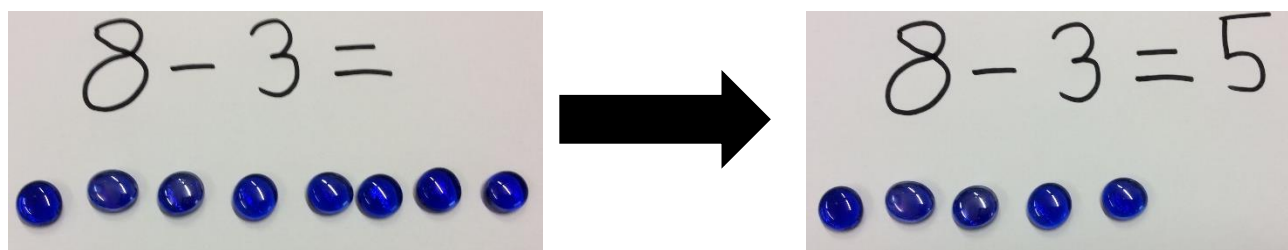
Objects you could use at home:

buttons, stones, sticks, beads, lolly sticks, Lego blocks, pencils, small toys, pom poms

Steps to success:

- Collect some objects from home that you can use.
- Look at your subtraction number sentence.
- Choose the correct number of objects to make the greater number.
- Take away the correct amount of objects (the smaller number).
- Count how many objects you have left.

An example for you:



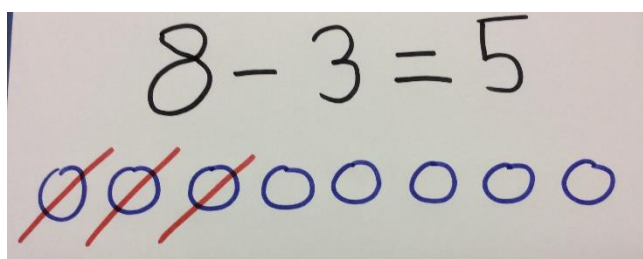
I started with 8 beads. I took away 3 beads. I have 5 beads left.

Pictorial - This means using drawings or representations.

Steps to success:

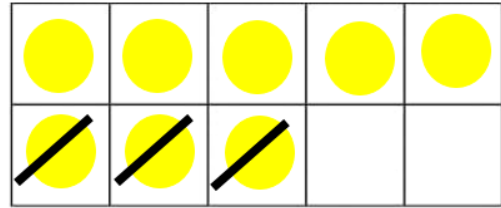
- Find your exercise book.
- Look at your subtraction number sentence.
- Draw the correct number of spots to make the greater number.
- Take away the correct amount of spots (the smaller number) by crossing them out.
- Count how many spots you have left.

An example for you:



Other ways to represent adding two numbers together.

You can use tens frames to help you subtract



Try these yourself. What will you use to help you?

$$7 - 3 =$$

$$12 - 4 =$$