


How to subtract

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2	Write the other number underneath. (Make sure you put units under units, tens under tens and so on).	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>2</td><td>8</td><td>2</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>5</td><td>7</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>							2	8	2				5	7												
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5	Start subtracting from the right-hand side (If a bottom number is more than a top number, you need to 'borrow'. Don't forget to write the new number in the column you borrowed from)	<p style="text-align: center;">Start here</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>7</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>2</td><td>8¹</td><td>2</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>-</td><td>5</td><td>7</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>2</td><td>5</td><td></td></tr> </table>			7				2	8 ¹	2			-	5	7				2	5							
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