

Column subtraction (with zeros in top numbers) lesson plan

Subject: Maths	Lesson Title: Column subtraction
Date:	Time Span:
Year Group: Year 3	Group Size: 30

Desired Learning Outcomes	NC PoS ref:
To be able to subtract in columns	

Key Language: Column, horizontal, vertical, units, tens, hundreds, thousands, tenths and take	Use of ICT: Smartboard for introduction
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Assessment (Make reference to each section of the lesson) Intro – Level of work based on ongoing assessment Main – Mark children’s work as they complete it. Sit with any children who are struggling, bringing them back to the carpet if necessary. If still unsure by end of lesson sit with TA during plenary. Plenary – Can children explain their working out to a partner, using the correct terminology e.g. column, units, tens etc?

Use of Other Adults TA to work with children who were insecure on column subtraction in previous lesson TA to sit and continue working with children (of any ability) who struggled in plenary

Anticipated Misconceptions/Difficulties Children starting on the left Children not putting numbers in the correct columns e.g. putting units under tens Children not putting only 1 number in each square and thus getting columns confused Children forgetting to write the - sign to show the operation being calculated Children forgetting to write the one they borrow / take and / or cross out the number that they took the one from and write the new number above it Children not understanding that they need to move to the next column to the left to borrow when they encounter a zero in the top number Children swapping numbers e.g. in $80 - 27$, calculating $7 - 0$ for the first part of the calculation with the nits
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Resources Number line up to 50 available from http://www.sparklebox.co.uk/2576-2580/sb2579.html#.UFmg1BgQmPo (laminated and cut up) Squared paper for plenary Copies of success criteria on children’s tables (not for lower ability)
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Introduction	Time
<p>TA to take children who were insecure on column subtraction in previous lesson, in which the top numbers never had zeros</p> <p>Revise teaching points from this lesson and go through corrections and some more examples</p> <p>Go through PowerPoint with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise what column and vertical mean • Revise 5 key teaching points (see below) • Explanation of how when the bottom number in a column is larger than the top number, you need to take a ten / hundred / thousand from the next column to the left, with several examples of numbers with a top number containing a zero • Go through examples of how to subtract 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by going to the next column to the left to borrow to replace the zero e.g. (With every example reinforce main teaching points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Start on the right-hand side ➤ Put only 1 number in a square ➤ Write the - ➤ Put units under units and tens under tens and so on ➤ Cross out the number you take from and write its replacement above it ➤ Go to the next column to replace the zero. Do not swap the numbers around <p>Middle and higher ability start work go to stick success criteria in books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model for G+T how to use column subtraction with number with decimal places where writing in the decimal point followed by some zeros is helpful e.g. $7 - 1.65$ <p>Remind children to leave space between calculations and not squash them together</p> <p>Have a copy of the success criteria to stick at the top of their page on each child's desk (except for lower ability as they do not need to think about all of the criteria)</p>	15 mins
<p>Main (including differentiated tasks) (At regular intervals have children stop and check their work against the success criteria)</p> <p>Lower ability – subtract 1-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers (give number line if really needed)</p> <p>Middle ability – subtract 2-digit numbers (with a zero in the top number)</p> <p>Higher ability – subtract 3-digit numbers (with a zero in the top number)</p> <p>Extension – subtract 4-digit numbers and numbers with decimal places (with a zero in the top number)</p>	20 mins
<p>Plenary</p> <p>Have children self-asses their work against the success criteria</p> <p>In ability partners give children 1 question to do each</p> <p>Children need to talk to their partner, explaining what they are doing e.g. I will put the 6 under the 0 because they are both units. Then I will put the 20 under the 40 because they are both tens. Then I draw my equals line with a ruler. Then I start on the right and subtract the units first, borrowing a ten. I cross out the old tens number and write the new number in the tens, and then I subtract the tens</p> <p>Children swap over and partner who spoke first now listens</p>	10 mins