# Subtraction Prior Test: Questions 3 and 4

Q3: I can use an efficient written method to subtract without exchanging.
Q4: I can use an efficient written method to subtract with exchanging.
NASDM 8: I can solve problems involving subtraction

# Teacher Input Ideas:

**Input for Q3:** children who made errors due to place value and layout as they had to subtract a 5-digit number from 6-digit number.

Give the children two cards each with these amounts on or display somewhere for all to see: two hundred and forty-five thousand, eight hundred and ninety- seven and thirtyfour thousand, six hundred and seventeen. Inform the children that you would like to subtract the lower amount from the higher amount. Allow the children time to write this down on whiteboards and attempt to subtract. Look at the children's errors and model how to write the amounts accurately using understanding of place value. Ensure that you talk through the position of the digits as one is a five-digit number and the other is a six-digit number. For children finding this tricky, allow them to use a place value chart template to complete the subtraction. Or model creating headings and columns before completing the sum above the digits.

Encourage children to explain and model how to subtract the numbers from each other.

# Input for exchanging (decomposition method)

Use a large place value chart template and base ten or sweets to model what exchanging is and why it is necessary

For example



Model how you would record this using the decomposition method. Repeat for 5 and 6 digit amounts.

#### **Practice** Activities

<u>Purple Practice</u>: Most suited for children that made errors in Question 3 of the prior assessment tasks due recording down the digits in incorrect positions showing an error in place value too.

This activity is designed for children to practise subtracting 5 and 6 digit numbers ensuring that they have aligned the amounts correctly. Furthermore, it provides an opportunity for children to secure and show they are fluent with reading amounts in words and writing them down using digits in the correct place to perform written subtraction.

To make this a practical activity the blocks can be cut out so that the children can select any purple block and subtract any green block from this amount. The children could be encouraged to work systemically too to ensure they have completed all calculations possible. A further challenge for the children could be to apply place value skills by writing the value of any 3 digit from their answers or choose 8 answers to order.

<u>Green Practice</u>: Most suited for children that made errors in Question 4 of the prior assessment tasks and show a lack of understanding when a subtraction sum requires exchanging.

This activity provides the opportunity to practise using the decomposition method to work out sums that enable the children to exchange (for example exchanging a ten for ten ones or a hundred for ten tens - previously known as borrowing). Additionally, a few questions have been placed in the task to test the children's efficiency. Q2, Q6 and Q7 can be performed mentally and a written method is not required. If the children have used a written method for all questions, prompt them to return to the task and find the questions that could have been performed mentally (fluency and efficiency)

Some children may demonstrate difficulty on questions 5 and 9 as they must exchange when a zero is used as a place holder. The activities designed for Q5 in the prior assessment learning tasks further develop this skill.

<u>Yellow Practice</u> Most suited for children who are wanting to secure using the decomposition method.

The activity can be presented as a work sheet or cut up into smaller cards. The children are required to select two blocks and subtract the lower amount from the higher amount. Encourage the children to apply knowledge of rounding to help them to approximate what the answer will be and use this to check their answers are accurate. (fluency -rounding and approximating)

<u>Mastery</u> This activity tests the children's application of number and develops a variety of problem solving skills such as trial and improvement. Some children will just start with any number and use a trial and error approach.

# Key questions for prompting:

Will you need to work systematically? Where would be a good place to start? Are there any patterns with the numbers? Is there anything you notice about the answer? What type of digits are used in the answer? What numbers will have been subtracted to make these odd numbers? What do you know about adding and subtracting odd and even numbers? How can an odd number be created?

Encourage the children to notice that to create an odd digit in the answer, an odd number must have been subtracted from an even number and vice versa. For example, 7 - 4 = 3 or 8 - 3 = 5. Encourage the children to find as many possibilities as possible for the amounts and children could be challenged to try combinations where exchanging is involved.

#### Answers

#### Purple: possible calculations and answers

16859	97-24512 = 144085	16859	7 - 54243 = 114354	
16859	97 - 13001 = 155596	16859	7 - 43250 = 145347	
39576	67 - 24512 = 371255	39576	7 - 54243 = 341524	
39576	67 - 13001 = 382766	39576	7 - 43250 = 352517	
99577 - 24512 = 75065			99577	- 54243 = 45334
99577 - 13001 = 86576			99577	- 43250 = 56327
86885	5 - 24512 = 62373	86885	- 54243 = 32642	
86885	5 - 13001 = 73884	86885	- 43250 = 43635	
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1)	53564	2) 12649		3) 570
4)	788709	5) 707109		6) 90,000
7)	810	8) 65240		9) 8879
10	) 357409	11) 6365874		

# Yellow

There are many different combinations and answers. Children could use a calculator to mark or peer mark their answers. Look out for children who are making errors when exchanging with zero.

# <u>Mastery:</u>

There are many different possibilities. Here you are looking for the children to be able to work through trial and improvement and notice that odd and even numbers must be subtracted from each other to make the odd digits. Some children may have also noticed that when you exchange this has impact on the digits chosen. You are looking for the children to explain their thought process.

## Some possible answers

6489-3332	7588-4431	5479-2322
exchanging options:		
3832 -4657	4691-1534	



### **Purple Practice**

LO: I can subtract 2 numbers using a formal written method.





Green Practice

Lo: I can use a formal written method for subtraction (including exchanging)

Look at the sums below. Decide how you are going to work these out and write the answers in the box provided.

1) 128827- 75263 =	
2) 12848-199 =	
3) 12910 - 12340 =	
4) 909278 - 120569 =	
5) 720019- 12910 =	
6) 91837- 1837 =	•
7) 829-19 =	
8) 73638- 8398 =	Think         Is a written method         necessary for every         sum?
9) 38002- 29123 =	
10)982731 - 625322 =	
11)6372873- 6999 =	



#### **Yellow Practice**

LO; I can use a formal written method for subtraction (including exchanging)

Pick two blocks at a time. Create your own sums by subtracting the lower amount from the higher amount. Before preforming the calculation, estimate what the answer will be.



you use a written subtraction method and how you use exchanging.



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#### Mastery

Problem solving

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This number was made when two different amounts were subtracted.



## What could the two different amounts have been?

#### **Thinking Points**

Where will you start? What do you notice about the number created? Is there more than one combination of numbers? How will you ensure you have find all possible options?