

Written methods – subtraction

	H	T	U
	9	8 ¹⁴	4
–	2	7	8
	7	1	6

First we estimate: $1000 - 300 = 700$

We start with the units. We can't take 8 away from 4 so we must rename one of the tens as units. We now have 14 units.

14 subtract 8 is 6 so we put the 6 in the units column.

8 tens subtract 7 tens is 1 ten so we put a 1 in the tens column.

We subtract the hundreds. 9 hundred subtract 2 hundred is 7 hundred. Put a 7 in the hundreds column.

We check the answer against our estimate.

1 Complete the subtraction problems:

e:

a

	Th	H	T	U
	4	9	8	2
–		1	5	3

e:

b

	Th	H	T	U
	2	9	5	1
–		8	7	8

e:

c

	Th	H	T	U
	3	8	7	2
–		5	8	6

When a problem asks us to find the difference, we subtract. We always start with the larger number.

Showtown	4129 km	Tidings	1233 km
Normanville	3262 km	Ringer	7869 km
Roper	7419 km	Harpville	486 km
Ace Bay	1226 km	Eagle Bay	595 km

2 Solve these to find the difference problems:

a How far from Showtown to Ringer?

	Th	H	T	U
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b What is the distance from Normanville to Tidings?

	Th	H	T	U
–				

c What is the distance from Roper to Eagle Bay?

	Th	H	T	U
–				

d How far from Normanville to Ace Bay?

	Th	H	T	U
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