

# Subtract 2 mixed numbers

1 Amir and Alex are working out  $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{4}$

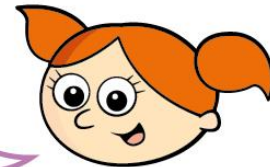


Amir

First subtract 2 from 3,  
then subtract  $\frac{1}{4}$  from  $\frac{1}{2}$   
That leaves  $1\frac{1}{4}$

Convert to an improper  
fraction first,  $\frac{7}{2} - \frac{9}{4}$ , then

$$\frac{14}{4} - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{5}{4} = 1\frac{1}{4}$$



Alex

Whose method do you prefer?



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Use your preferred method to complete the subtractions.

$$\text{a) } 4\frac{4}{5} - 2\frac{3}{10} = \square$$

$$\text{c) } 16\frac{1}{2} - 5\frac{1}{4} = \square$$

$$\text{b) } 3\frac{5}{8} - 1\frac{1}{4} = \square$$

$$\text{d) } 10\frac{5}{6} - 5\frac{5}{12} = \square$$

What do you notice about your answer to part d)?



3 Car A travels for  $15\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

Car B travels for  $21\frac{5}{12}$  miles.



How much further does Car B travel than Car A?

Car B travels  miles further than Car A.

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Amir and Dora are working out  $4\frac{1}{5} - 1\frac{2}{5}$



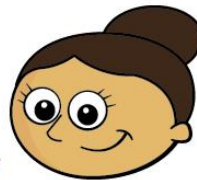
Amir

You can't use my method because  
you can't do  $\frac{1}{5} - \frac{2}{5}$

a) Do you agree with Amir?

b)

I know that  $4\frac{1}{5} = 3\frac{6}{5}$



Dora

How does this help you to work out the subtraction?

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c) Complete the calculation.

$$4\frac{1}{5} - 1\frac{2}{5} = \square$$

5 Complete the subtractions.

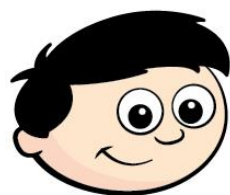
a)  $4\frac{4}{5} - 2\frac{9}{10} =$

c)  $5\frac{2}{7} - 2\frac{11}{14} =$

b)  $3\frac{5}{8} - 1\frac{3}{4} =$

d)  $2\frac{1}{6} - 1\frac{7}{18} =$

6 Dexter is subtracting fractions.



$$5\frac{2}{3} - 3\frac{5}{6} = 2\frac{1}{6}$$

Explain the mistake that Dexter has made.

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Here are some number cards.

$$3\frac{1}{12}$$

$$4\frac{1}{2}$$

$$2\frac{5}{24}$$

$$4\frac{5}{6}$$

a) Use two of the number cards to find the smallest difference.

$$\square - \square = \square$$

b) Use two of the number cards to find the difference closest to 2

$$\square - \square = \square$$



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Complete the magic square.

The total of each column is  $5\frac{7}{20}$

The total of each row is  $5\frac{7}{20}$

$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{3}{5}$	
	$1\frac{7}{20}$	$1\frac{7}{10}$





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A marathon is  $26\frac{1}{5}$  miles.

Dexter has run  $18\frac{1}{10}$  miles.

Eva has run  $19\frac{3}{5}$  miles.

**a)** How much further has Eva run than Dexter?

 miles

**b)** How much further does Eva need to run to complete the marathon?

 miles