

Integers: Subtraction

Subtracting two integers

When subtracting two integers, change the subtraction sign to addition and replace the integer being subtracted with its opposite.

DEFINITION: $a - b = a + (-b)$

Examples:

$7 - 4 = ?$ Rewrite it as: $7 + (-4) = ?$ then follow the rules for addition. $7 + (-4) = 3$

$-5 - (-3) = ?$ Rewrite it as: $-5 + (+3) = -5 + 3 = ?$ $-5 + 3 = -2$

$3 - (-4) = ?$ Rewrite it as: $3 + (+4) = 3 + 4 = ?$ $3 + 4 = 7$

$6 - 10 = ?$ Rewrite it as: $6 + (-10) = ?$
The 10 in the original problem is a positive 10. $6 + (-10) = -4$

TRY:

1) $7 - 15$	_____	9) $-8 - (-5)$	_____
2) $-6 - 6$	_____	10) $-10 - 6$	_____
3) $8 - (-60)$	_____	11) $11 - (-5)$	_____
4) $44 - 76$	_____	12) $3 - (-8)$	_____
5) $5 - (-5)$	_____	13) $-6 - 12$	_____
6) $-6 - 8$	_____	14) $-4 - (-7)$	_____
7) $5 - 9$	_____	15) $34 - (-8)$	_____
8) $-12 - 21$	_____	16) $-3 - (-8)$	_____

TRY:

Hy's checking account shows a balance of \$258. It was discovered that a deposit of \$65 was accidentally recorded as a check for \$65. What is the corrected balance?