

# SUBTRACTION STRATEGIES

## ≡ VOCABULARY CARDS ≡



### 1 SUBTRACTION

Taking away one number from another.

$$9 - 4 = 5$$

### 2 COUNT BACK

Start at the bigger number and count back the smaller number.



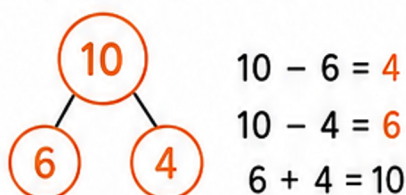
### 3 MAKE 10

Make a 10 to help subtract more easily.

$$14 - 6 = 8$$

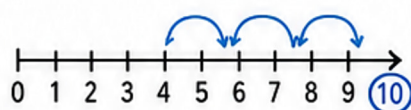
### 4 PART-PART-WHOLE

Use the parts to find the missing part or the whole.



### 5 NUMBER LINE

Use a number line to jump back.



$$10 - 3 = 7$$

### 6 DECOMPOSE

Break a number into tens and ones (or place values).

$$57 - 23 = 34$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 50 + 7 \\ - 20 + 3 \\ \hline 30 + 4 \end{array}$$

### 7 COMPENSATE

Adjust one number to make subtraction easier, then adjust the result.

$$48 - 19$$

→  $48 - 20 = 28$

+1

### 8 ADJUSTMENT

Add or subtract the same amount to both numbers to make a friendly number.

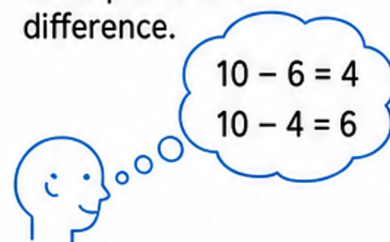
$$62 - 38$$

→  $64 - 40 = 24$

+2 +2

### 9 USE KNOWN FACTS

Use facts you know to help find the difference.



### 10 THINK ADDITION

Use addition to check subtraction.

$$9 - 4 = 5$$
$$4 + 5 = 9$$

### 11 MENTAL MATH

Solve in your head using strategies that work for you.



### 12 ESTIMATE

Find a close answer to check if your answer makes sense.

$$52 - 18 \approx 50 - 20 = 30$$