



Subtracting Decimals

Mental Maths Warm Up

Answer these as quickly as you can, saying your answer out loud or in your head...

- Which number is bigger? 0.6 or 0.065
- What's the difference between 2 and 3.5?
- What's the difference between 0.2 and 0.7?
- How many decimal places will the answer to $6.38 - 4.25$ have?

Answers: 1) 0.6
2) 5.3 (3) 5.1 (2)

Now try these. Do your working in the spaces, and copy your answers into the boxes.

One has been done for you.

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.9 \\ - 0.3 \\ \hline 0.6 \end{array}$$

1 $0.9 - 0.3$

2 $3.4 - 2.1$

3 $8.5 - 4$

4 $12.6 - 7$

0.6

5 $6.78 - 2.15$

6 $23.8 - 2.6$

7 $5.69 - 3.4$

8 $15.75 - 1.5$

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9 $4.63 - 1.19$

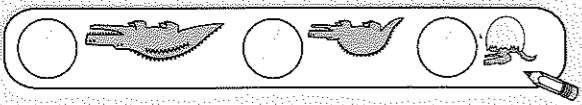
10 $4.2 - 2.6$

11 $6.59 - 3.81$

12 $8.24 - 5.86$

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Calculators eat decimal number subtractions for breakfast. How do you feel about them?



13 $12.37 - 1.29$

14 $3.28 - 1.7$

15 $17.65 - 8.99$

16 $9 - 6.3$

9 is the same as 9.0 — make sure you line the decimal points up before you do the subtraction.

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