

# Solving Subtraction Problems



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**Family Note** Today your child learned trade-first subtraction, a method for solving subtraction problems that involves making all of the necessary trades before subtracting. Trade-first subtraction builds on children's understanding of place value and helps them solve subtraction problems more efficiently. The example below shows the trade-first method.

*Please return this Home Link to school tomorrow.*

Fill in the unit box. Then solve each problem. Choose a strategy that works best for you. You may use your estimates to check your work.

<b>Unit</b>



<p><b>Example:</b></p> <p>Estimate: <math>510 - 250 = 260</math></p> $  \begin{array}{r}  \phantom{0}10 \\  4 \cancel{4} 13 \\  \cancel{5} \cancel{1} \cancel{3} \\  - 247 \\  \hline  266  \end{array}  $	<p>① Estimate: _____</p> $  \begin{array}{r}  375 \\  - 296 \\  \hline  \end{array}  $
<p>② Estimate: _____</p> $  \begin{array}{r}  115 \\  - 87 \\  \hline  \end{array}  $	<p>③ Estimate: _____</p> $  \begin{array}{r}  503 \\  - 368 \\  \hline  \end{array}  $

Check: Do your answers make sense? How do you know?

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