

## SUBTRACTION IS FINDING THE DIFFERENCE

**FACT 1: Subtraction is finding the difference.**

(a) We may do that by taking the smaller number out of the larger number.



(b) We may also do that by counting from smaller to the larger number.



**FACT 2: Subtraction is the same level of operation as addition.**

(a) We may subtract quantities of the same unit only. We cannot subtract quantities of different units.

We may take 2 bananas out of 5 bananas. But we cannot take 2 bananas out of 5 apples.

(b) To subtract quantities of different units, you must change them to some common units first.

We may change 2 bananas and 5 apples to 2 fruits and 5 fruits. We may then correctly take 2 fruits out of 5 fruits.

1. Subtract 2 marbles from 9 marbles. What is the difference?
2. Amy had 6 cats. 2 of the cats ran away. How many cats Amy is left with?
3. What is the difference between 18 inches and 25 inches?  
(NOTE: Count from 18 to 25. How much is more are 25 from 18?)

**End of Lesson**