

# Session 5: Subtraction

Session Title	Subtraction
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand subtraction through situational based and real-life examples.</li><li>• Apply subtraction to everyday tasks and scenarios.</li><li>• Solve subtraction problems using fun and interactive activities.</li></ul>
Concept	Subtraction is used in real-life situations to determine how much is left or find the difference between quantities. It is used when giving change, removing objects, or determining how much is left.
Materials Required	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Board &amp; Chalk, Counters (small physical objects used to help students visualize and solve math problems. They can be anything like: Colored chips, Bottle caps, Beads, Pebbles, Coins, Buttons),</li><li>2. Dice</li><li>3. Role-play props (toys, food items, play money)</li><li>4. Chart paper</li><li>5. Number line</li></ol>
Methodology	Activity-based Learning: Games and real-life scenarios. Experiential Learning: Practice subtraction through relevant daily experiences.
Session Duration	90 Minutes

## Intro Activity (15 minutes):

### Market Math

Set up a pretend market. Each student gets some fake money. Items have price tags. Students buy items and calculate how much money they have left using subtraction.

## Main Activity(65 minutes):

**Objective:** Build subtraction understanding through realistic examples.

### **Subtraction Scenes (10 minutes)**

**Ask:**

1. A child has 10 cookies and eats 3. How many are left?
2. A shop has 15 pencils, and 6 are sold. How many remain?
3. A basket had 8 apples. 5 are given away. How many are left?

**Class discusses and writes subtraction sentences.**

### **Subtraction Treasure Hunt (20 minutes)**

1. Hide numbers around the room.
2. In teams, students pick two numbers, subtract the smaller from the larger.
3. Write a subtraction sentence and run to post it on the answer chart.
4. The team with the most accurate sentences wins.

### **Time to Solve (25 Minutes)**

**Subtraction:**

1. Picture-based subtraction
2. This involves showing pictures (like apples, animals, or toys) and asking students to count and subtract by visually removing some.

**Example:**

There are 7 apples in a picture. Then 3 are crossed out.

Question: "How many apples are left?"

Answer:  $7 - 3 = 4$

## 2. Real-life word problems

These help children understand how subtraction is used in everyday life.

### Example 1:

"There were 12 birds. 4 flew away. How many are left?"

Children need to subtract 4 from 12:

$12 - 4 = 8$  birds are left

### Example 2:

"You had 10 candies. Gave 3 to your friend. How many do you have now?"

Subtract the given candies:

$10 - 3 = 7$  candies left

## 3. Fill in the blanks

These help kids work backwards in a subtraction equation.

### Example:

$$\underline{\quad} - 3 = 6$$

**Ask:** "What number minus 3 equals 6?"

**Answer:** 9, because  $9 - 3 = 6$

## Fill-in-the-Blank Questions

1.  $\underline{\quad} - 6 = 9$

2.  $\underline{\quad} - 4 = 7$

3.  $10 - \underline{\quad} = 6$

4.  $\underline{\quad} - 6 = 3$

5.  $8 - \underline{\quad} = 2$

6.  $\underline{\quad} - 15 = 4$

7.  $15 - \underline{\quad} = 10$

8.  $\underline{\quad} - 7 = 2$

9.  $9 - \underline{\quad} = 3$

10.  $\underline{\quad} - 15 = 6$

## Review Questions(10 minutes):

### Ask:

1. When did you use subtraction today?
2. Can subtraction mean 'how many more'?
3. How did role-play help you understand subtraction?

## Follow up Tasks(10 minutes):

### Homework:

1. Think of 3 real-life situations where subtraction was used today.
2. Write the subtraction sentence for each.
3. Ask a family member a subtraction problem and explain how they solved it

## Expected Learning Outcome:

### Knowledge building:

- Concept of subtraction through everyday context.
- Visual and situational understanding of subtraction.

**Skill Building:**

- Logical reasoning
  - Visual learning through role play
  - Confidence in applying math to real life
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