

Choose Which Way to Subtract



Dear Family Member:

After your child has completed these problems, ask him or her to choose one problem and explain the steps taken to solve it.

Thank you.

Paper-and-Pencil Ways to Subtract

Expanded Form

$$\begin{array}{l}
 75 = 70 + 5 = 60 + 15 \\
 \underline{28 = 20 + 8 = 20 + 8} \\
 40 + 7 = 47
 \end{array}$$

Compact

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \overset{6}{\cancel{7}}\overset{15}{5} \\
 - 28 \\
 \hline
 47
 \end{array}$$

Solve each problem using a paper-and-pencil way. Choose each way at least once. Estimate first to make sure your answer is reasonable.

A. $79 - 24 =$

Estimate:

B.
$$\begin{array}{r}
 66 \\
 - 37 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

Estimate:

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C. $159 - 125$

Estimate:

D. $\begin{array}{r} 172 \\ - 137 \\ \hline \end{array}$

Estimate:

- E.** Choose one problem. Show how you estimated to check the reasonableness of your answer.