

# My Favorite Way



Dear Family Member:

Students should have a collection of methods that they find useful for solving problems, and they should understand the methods described by others. Students who are confident in using a variety of strategies will be able to begin to choose the strategy most efficient for any given problem. Please allow your child to explain his or her favorite subtraction strategy to you.

Thank you.

**Each of the students below used their favorite way to subtract. Finish their work. Check it with addition.**

1.  $124 - 115 =$

Check it with addition:

Shannon's method:

$$\begin{array}{r} 124 \\ - 115 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

2.  $203 - 97 =$

Check it with addition:

Tanya's method:



3.  $82 - 37 =$

Check it with addition:

Chris's method:

$$82 = 80 + 2 = \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad}$$

$$\underline{37 = \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad}}$$

4. **A.** Use your favorite subtraction strategy to solve  $153 - 127$ .  
Show your work.

**B.** Check your work with addition.

**C.** Why is this way your favorite?

**D.** Do you think it was an efficient way to solve this problem?  
Why or why not?