

Lesson 3: Count on or Count Back to Subtract

Standards Alignments

Addressing 2.NBT.B.7

Teacher-facing Learning Goals

 Subtract within 1,000 using an understanding of the relationship between addition and subtraction.

Student-facing Learning Goals

• Let's find the difference between numbers.

Lesson Purpose

The purpose of this lesson is for students to subtract within 1,000 using strategies that demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between addition and subtraction, including counting on and counting back.

In previous units, students used counting on or counting back to subtract within 100. In this lesson, they analyze different methods, including counting on and counting back, to subtract within 1,000. They make connections between sums of 10 and sums of 100, for example 5+5=10 and 50+50=100. Students use the relationship between addition and subtraction as they find unknown values in subtraction and addition equations.

Access for:

® Students with Disabilities

• Engagement (Activity 2)

English Learners

MLR8 (Activity 2)

Instructional Routines

Number Talk (Warm-up)

Materials to Gather

Base-ten blocks: Activity 1

Lesson Timeline

Warm-up 10 min

Teacher Reflection Question

What strategies are students using to subtract? How can you help students see the connections between addition and subtraction as they



Activity 1	20 min	consider ways to subtract within 1,000?
Activity 2	15 min	
Lesson Synthesis	10 min	
Cool-down	5 min	

Cool-down (to be completed at the end of the lesson)

© 5 min

Mystery Number

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Student-facing Task Statement

Find the number that makes the equation true.

Show your thinking.

Student Responses

240. Sample responses:

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$$360 + 40 = 400$$

$$400 + 200 = 600$$

$$200 + 40 = 240$$

•
$$600 - 300 = 300$$

$$300 = 60 + 240$$