

Lesson 8: Different Ways to Decompose

Standards Alignments

Addressing 2.NBT.B.5, 2.NBT.B.9

Teacher-facing Learning Goals

- Describe how methods of subtraction are the same and different when subtracting a one-digit number from a two-digit number.

Student-facing Learning Goals

- Let's compare different ways to subtract.

Lesson Purpose

The purpose of this lesson is for students to make sense of different methods for subtracting a two-digit number from a two-digit number and describe how the methods are the same and different.

In previous lessons, students used their own methods for subtracting a two-digit number from a two-digit number. In this lesson, students make sense of different subtraction methods that use base-ten drawings to represent decomposing a ten to subtract by place. Students connect base-ten drawings to equations that represent the steps of a subtraction method. Throughout the lesson, students share claims and justify how methods are the same and how they are different with an emphasis on describing how tens are subtracted from tens and ones from ones and deepening their understanding of the properties of operations (MP3, MP7).

Students should have access to base-ten blocks throughout the lesson and cool-down as they make sense of and try different methods and representations.

Access for:



Students with Disabilities

- Engagement (Activity 1)



English Learners

- MLR8 (Activity 2)

Instructional Routines

Number Talk (Warm-up)

Materials to Gather

- Base-ten blocks: Activity 1, Activity 2

Lesson Timeline

Warm-up	10 min
Activity 1	15 min
Activity 2	20 min
Lesson Synthesis	10 min
Cool-down	5 min

Teacher Reflection Question

What did you say, do, or ask to support students in trying each method for subtracting two-digit numbers from two-digit numbers? What will you do in upcoming lessons to help students make sense of and connect different methods?

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

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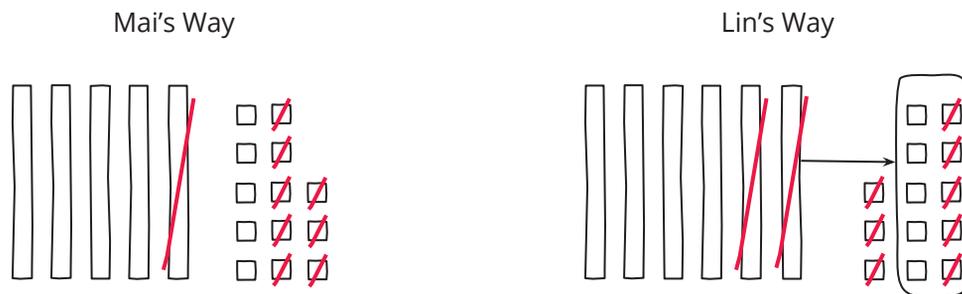
Whose Method is it Anyway?

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Student-facing Task Statement

Mai and Lin were asked to find the value of $63 - 18$. Compare their methods.



1. Name 1 thing that is the same about Mai and Lin's methods.
2. Name 1 thing that is different about Mai and Lin's methods.

Student Responses

Sample responses:

1. They both used base-ten diagrams and crossed out 18 in all.
2. Lin decomposed a ten while solving, but Mai represented 63 with 5 tens and 13 ones so she

had all the ones she needed.