



Written subtraction (4)

- Subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written method of columnar subtraction
- Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation

Range
1

- a $2372 - 1541$ b $2635 - 1853$ c $3462 - 1358$ d $4276 - 2628$
 e $4037 - 1564$ f $4183 - 2605$ g $4286 - 1493$ h $4436 - 2177$
 i $5862 - 2924$ j $5387 - 2839$ k $5063 - 2235$ l $5275 - 3428$

Range
2

- 1 Write an estimate for these calculations before you work them out.

- a $5287 - 2498$ b $5295 - 2497$ c $5826 - 1958$ d $6328 - 3269$
 e $6284 - 2596$ f $6752 - 4873$ g $7431 - 3658$ h $7532 - 2765$
 i $7444 - 3777$ j $7115 - 4227$ k $8396 - 4598$ l $8175 - 6486$

- 2 Choose four of your calculations and check your answers using the inverse operation.

Range
3

- 1 Write an estimate for these calculations before you work them out.

- a $7749 - 3830$ b $7639 - 5200$ c $7375 - 6726$ d $8683 - 3792$
 e $8278 - 4609$ f $8472 - 2794$ g $9374 - 2506$ h $9543 - 4966$
 i $9736 - 1857$ j $9236 - 5877$ k $8664 - 4788$ l $8267 - 3690$

- 2 Choose four of your calculations and check your answers using the inverse operation.
- 3 Can you think of a more efficient way than the written method for working out the answer to this calculation: $5000 - 1999$?
- 4 What other 3- or 4-digit calculations might be done more efficiently a different way?

