

Subtraction (1) – counting back on a number line

(2 digit - 2 digit)

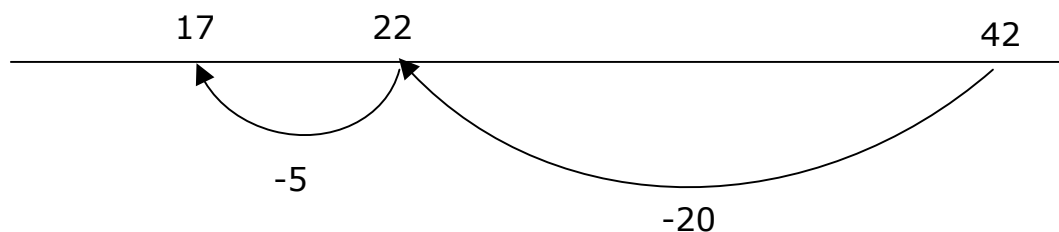
Today your child's homework involves calculating/solving problems, using subtraction on a number line.

Example: My ribbon is 42 cm long. If I cut off 25 cm how much will I have left?

So we need $42 - 25$.

This is represented on a number line as shown below.

First 42 is placed towards the end of the empty number line. The 25 is partitioned into tens and ones/units ($20 + 5$). Then the 20 is subtracted to get to 22, the 5 is then subtracted by counting back to get to 17.



This then is used to answer the question.

I have 17 cm of ribbon left.