

Subtraction

Example 1

$4 - 1$

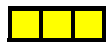
	□
	1
	Units
	4
-	1
	3



This represents the number of blocks you start off with.



This represents the number of blocks to remove (subtract).



This represents the number of blocks remaining

Example 2



$9 - 3$

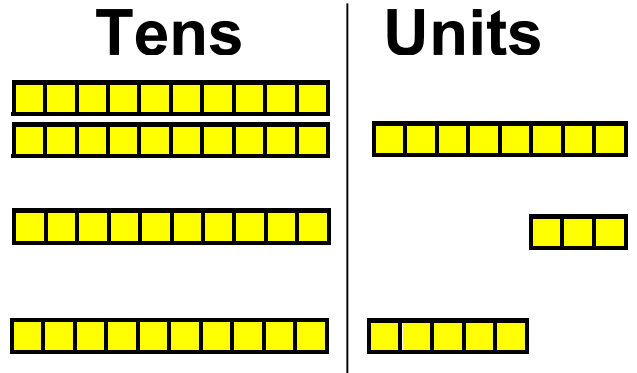
	□
	1
	Units
	9
-	3
	6



Example 3



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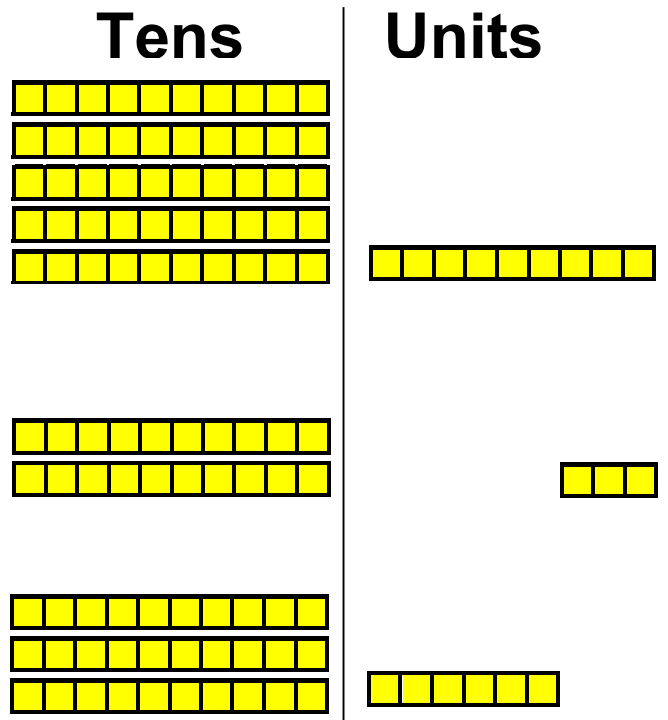
	
10	1
Tens	Units
2	8
- 1	3
1	5



Example 4



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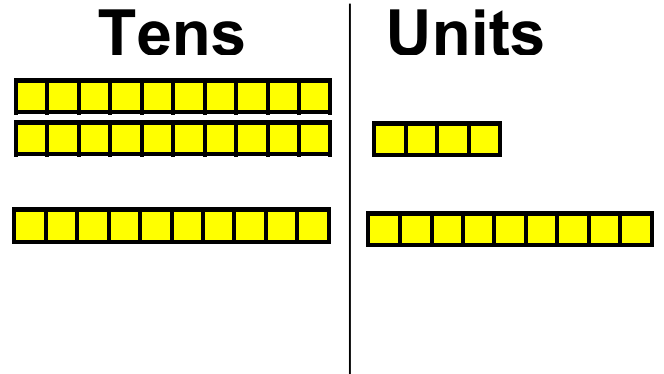
	
10	1
Tens	Units
5	9
- 2	3
3	6





Example 5

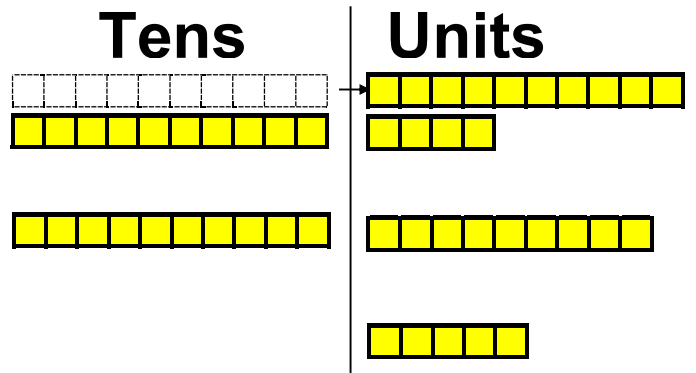
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10	1
Tens	Units
2	4
- 1	9
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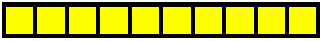

We cannot take 9 away from 4, so we need to move one ten from the 10's column and add it to the unit's column.

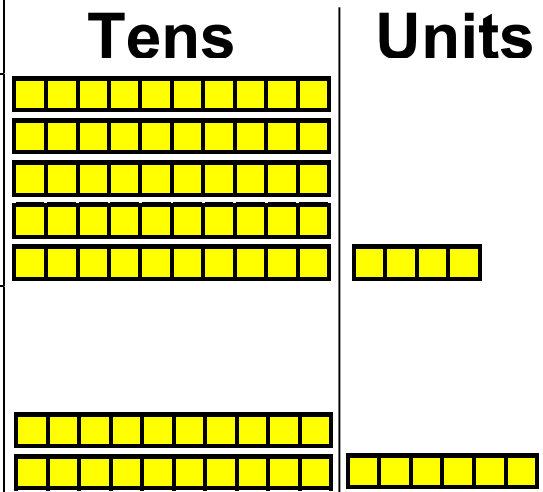
	
10	1
Tens	Units
¹ 2	¹ 4
- 1	9
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0	5





Example 6

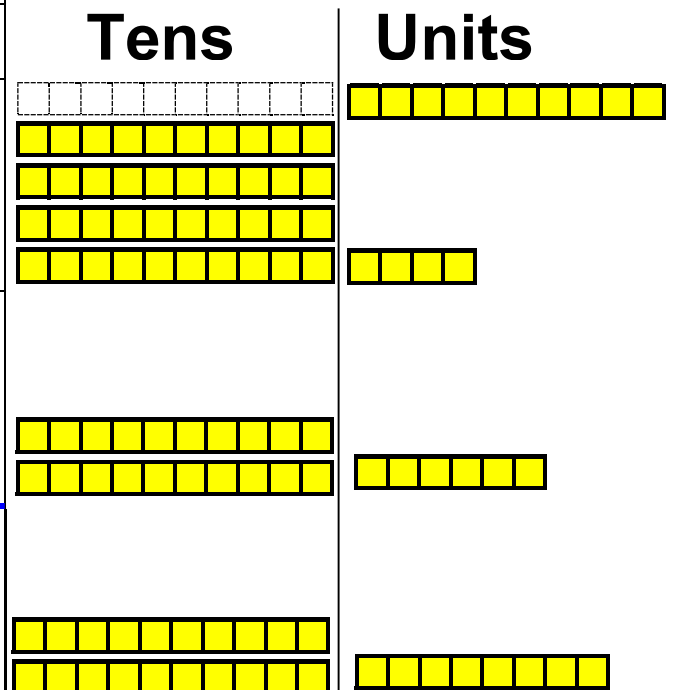
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10	1
Tens	Units
5	4
-	
2	6
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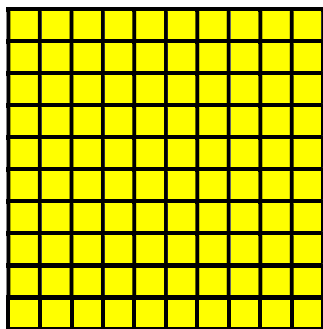
We cannot take 6 away from 4, so we need to move one ten from the 10's column and add it to the unit's column.

	
10	1
Tens	Units
⁴ 5	¹ 4
-	
2	6
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2	8



Example 7

304 - 9



100	10	1
Hundreds	Tens	Units
3	0	4
-		9
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100	10	1
Hundreds	Tens	Units
² 3 1	→ ¹ 0	4
-		9
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100	10	1
Hundreds	Tens	Units
² 3	⁹ 1 0 1	→ ¹ 4
-		9
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2	9	5