

Subtraction by compensation (taking too much)



Sometimes it's easiest to take more away than you need and then add some back. Strange eh! Look, I'll show you.....

$$\begin{aligned}74 - 28 \\= 74 - 30 + 2 \\= 44 + 2 \\= 46\end{aligned}$$

Can you see what is happening?

I've taken 30 rather than 28, because that is easy.

Then I add 2 back on.



Try these:

1. $64 - 38 = 64 - 40 + 2 =$

2. $43 - 27 = 43 - 30 + 3 =$

3. $62 - 49 = 62 -$ $+$ $=$

4. $55 - 28 = 55 -$ $+$ $=$

5. $73 - 55 = 73 -$ $+$ $=$

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