

# Subtracting fractions



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Work out the answer to each problem. Reduce to the simplest form if you need to.

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$$\frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{4} = \square - \square = \square$$

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$$\frac{9}{10} - \frac{3}{8} = \frac{36}{40} - \frac{15}{40} = \frac{21}{40}$$

$$\frac{9}{10} - \frac{5}{8} = \frac{36}{40} - \frac{25}{40} = \frac{11}{40}$$

$$\frac{6}{7} - \frac{2}{5} = \frac{30}{35} - \frac{14}{35} = \frac{16}{35}$$

$$\frac{11}{12} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{11}{12} - \frac{2}{12} = \frac{9}{12} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{7}{12} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{7}{12} - \frac{2}{12} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$\frac{7}{10} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{28}{40} - \frac{10}{40} = \frac{18}{40} = \frac{9}{20}$$

$$\frac{5}{9} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{9} - \frac{3}{9} = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$\frac{7}{9} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{28}{36} - \frac{9}{36} = \frac{19}{36}$$

$$\frac{7}{16} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{16} - \frac{2}{16} = \frac{5}{16}$$

$$\frac{3}{7} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{15}{35} - \frac{7}{35} = \frac{8}{35}$$

$$\frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{9}{24} - \frac{4}{24} = \frac{5}{24}$$

$$\frac{3}{5} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{12}{20} - \frac{5}{20} = \frac{7}{20}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{4}{6} - \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{4}{5} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{16}{20} - \frac{5}{20} = \frac{11}{20}$$

Difficulty in finding a common denominator indicates a weakness in finding the least common multiple of two numbers. Children can always find a common denominator by multiplying the given denominators.