

# Operations Review — Addition and Subtraction Fact Fluency

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child reviews addition and subtraction facts to build fluency and automaticity. Using the Montessori addition and subtraction strip boards, they work toward memorization of basic facts through structured practice.

## What You Need:

- Addition strip board
- Subtraction strip board
- Flash cards for addition and subtraction facts
- Paper and pencil for recording
- Timer (optional)

## Steps:

1. 'You know HOW to add and subtract. Now let's make your brain FAST — so fast that the answers come automatically!'
2. Set up the addition strip board. Review the combinations for sums up to 18.
3. Flash card style: say a fact, child responds as quickly as possible. ' $7 + 5?$ ' '12!'  
Track response time.
4. Identify 'fast facts' (automatic) and 'working facts' (still need to think).
5. For working facts, use the strip board concretely: place the blue strip (7) and red strip (5), read the answer.
6. Practice subtraction:  $15 - 8$ ,  $13 - 6$ ,  $17 - 9$ . Use the subtraction strip board if needed.
7. The more you practice, the faster your brain gets!

## Work Space:

A large, dashed rectangular box occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for the child to write their responses or work out problems.

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