

# Subtraction Facts — Memorization with Finger Charts

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child begins memorizing basic subtraction facts using Montessori finger charts and repetition. Building fluency with subtraction facts prepares the child for more complex mathematical operations.

## What You Need:

- Subtraction finger chart (or printed subtraction chart)
- Flash cards for subtraction facts
- Two baskets ('I know it' / 'I need practice')
- Strip board (for checking)
- Pencil and paper

## Steps:

1. Present the Subtraction Finger Chart (or a simplified version showing facts to 10).
2. You have been discovering subtraction facts on the strip board. Now let's start remembering them!
3. Start with the easiest facts: subtracting 1. '5 - 1 = ?' Can you answer without the strip board?
4. Work through subtracting 1 from each number 2-10.
5. Then subtracting 2: '6 - 2 = ?, 7 - 2 = ?'
6. Use flash cards for review. The child sorts cards into 'I know it' and 'I need practice.'
7. Celebrate the 'I know it' pile!

## Work Space:

A large, dashed rectangular frame occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for the child to draw or write in.

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