

change to addition

$$2 - (-6) = 2 + (+6) = 8$$

change sign

The diagram illustrates the rule for subtracting a negative number. It shows the equation  $2 - (-6) = 2 + (+6) = 8$ . A blue arrow labeled "change to addition" points from the minus sign to the plus sign. Another blue arrow labeled "change sign" points from the minus sign to the negative sign and from the plus sign to the positive sign.