

Lesson 3.3 Subtracting Decimals to Tenths

Align decimal points.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{minuend} \rightarrow 32.8 \\
 \text{subtrahend} \rightarrow - 1.5 \\
 \hline
 \text{difference} \rightarrow 31.3
 \end{array}$$

Align decimal points
in difference.
The difference is 31.3

To subtract
decimals, first align
the decimal points
in the minuend and
subtrahend. Then,
subtract decimals
like whole numbers.

Align decimal points.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{minuend} \rightarrow 142.8 \\
 \text{subtrahend} \rightarrow - 1.9 \\
 \hline
 \text{difference} \rightarrow 140.9
 \end{array}$$

Align decimal points
in difference.
The difference is 140.9

Subtract.

	a	b	c	d	e
1.	$ \begin{array}{r} 75.2 \\ - 4.1 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 42.8 \\ - 12.6 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 1.2 \\ - 1.1 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 0.3 \\ - 0.2 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 10.3 \\ - 7.6 \\ \hline \end{array} $
2.	$ \begin{array}{r} 576.2 \\ - 341.1 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 87.0 \\ - 1.1 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 1.3 \\ - 0.1 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 60.4 \\ - 7.1 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 117.1 \\ - 24.0 \\ \hline \end{array} $
3.	$ \begin{array}{r} 43.4 \\ - 21.5 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 32.1 \\ - 0.0 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 5.1 \\ - 2.3 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 98.0 \\ - 17.0 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 0.03 \\ - 0.01 \\ \hline \end{array} $
4.	$ \begin{array}{r} 7.8 \\ - 0.5 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 52.4 \\ - 23.8 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 1.9 \\ - 0.7 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 0.9 \\ - 0.0 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 10.1 \\ - 8.3 \\ \hline \end{array} $
5.	$ \begin{array}{r} 3.9 \\ - 1.1 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 33.9 \\ - 15.7 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 4.3 \\ - 1.7 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 3.9 \\ - 1.3 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 22.8 \\ - 17.5 \\ \hline \end{array} $
6.	$ \begin{array}{r} 2.4 \\ - 0.2 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 2.9 \\ - 0.7 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 58.5 \\ - 24.9 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 75.0 \\ - 18.2 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 183.7 \\ - 142.9 \\ \hline \end{array} $