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Definitions

Column subtraction: A strategy for subtracting multi-digit numbers by stacking them on top of each other, lining up the place values, and subtracting each column from right to left. When a column requires a value greater than what is available, we regroup by borrowing from the next column.

Instructions

Solve each subtraction problem using column subtraction.

Example

Problem: 672 - 338

Set up the problem by stacking the numbers.

$$672$$

$$-338$$

We cannot subtract 8 from 2 in the ones column, so we need to borrow. Take 1 from the tens column and add 10 to the ones column. 7 becomes 6, and 2 becomes 12. We can now subtract the ones column: 12 - 8 = 4.

Subtract the tens column: 6 - 3 = 3.

Subtract the hundreds column: 6 - 3 = 3.

Answer: 334