Subtraction is the **inverse** (opposite) of addition and addition is the **inverse** of subtraction.

We can use this to **check our work**.

If we do the sum 48 - 35 and get 13, we can check our answer by adding 13 and 35 to see if we get 48.

Clever stuff!



Use this idea to calculate these sums and then **check your answers by** adding. The first one has been done for you.

**1.** 
$$63 - 17$$
 Answer =  $46$  Check  $17 + 46 = 63$ 

Check 
$$17 + 46 = 63$$

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**2.** 65 **3.** 9 **4.** 1.7 **5.** 64 **6.** 2.4 1. 63

7. 87 **8.** 80