

Subtracting a decimal number from a whole number can be done 'in your head' if it only involves tenths, usually by 'counting on'. A good knowledge of pairs of numbers which make 10 really helps here.

Let's look at:

$$1 - 0.3$$

Probably the easiest way to do this is by 'counting on'.

Step 1: Count on from 0.3, in tenths upto one.

(eg 0.4, 0.5, 0.6 ...etc

which comes to **0.7**

$$1 - 0.3 = 0.7$$

Of course, if you know that $7 + 3$ makes 10, then you can transfer this knowledge ie $0.3 + 0.7 = 1$

In the same way:

$$4 - 3.3 = 0.7$$



These are all 'take away' from whole units.

1. $1 - 0.6 =$

2. $1 - 0.3 =$

3. $1 - 0.5 =$

4. $1 - 0.9 =$

5. $2 - 1.4 =$

6. $2 - 1.1 =$

7. $2 - 1.7 =$

8. $2 - 1.6 =$

9. $3 - 2.8 =$

10. $4 - 3.2 =$

Answers

1. 0.4 2. 0.7

3. 0.5 4. 0.1

5. 0.6 6. 0.9

7. 0.3 8. 0.4

9. 0.2 10. 0.8