

## Quite hard mental arithmetic: subtraction (2)

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I just love these subtraction brain teasers as there are so many ways of answering them. Let's look at the question:

Subtract 47 from 84.

First, I could take **50** to get 34 and then count back **3** to get 37.

Or I could take away **50** and then add **3**.

Or I could take **47** from **77** and then add **7**.



Think which way would be best for each of these questions and then see how quickly and accurately you can do them.

1. What is 62 subtract 18?

2. Subtract 37 from 51.

3. What is 26 less than 71?

4. How many less is 48 than 84?

5. What is 92 subtract 55?

6. Subtract 34 from 82.

7. Take 54 from 80.

8. Take 36 from 50.

9. Subtract 44 from 92.

10. What is 49 less than 77?

11. What must I take from 74 to leave 25?

12. What must I take from 96 to leave 19?

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### Answers

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|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1. 44 | 2. 14 | 3. 45 | 4. 36  | 5. 37  | 6. 48  |
| 7. 26 | 8. 14 | 9. 48 | 10. 28 | 11. 49 | 12. 77 |