Subtract two mixed numbers



1 Amir and Alex are working out $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{4}$



First subtract 2 from 3, then subtract $\frac{1}{4}$ from $\frac{1}{2}$ That leaves $1\frac{1}{4}$

Amir

Convert to an improper fraction first, $\frac{7}{2} - \frac{9}{4}$, then $\frac{14}{4} - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{5}{4} = 1\frac{1}{4}$



Whose method do you prefer?

Explain your answer.



- 2 Use your preferred method to complete the subtractions.
 - a) $4\frac{4}{5} 2\frac{3}{10} =$

c)
$$16\frac{1}{2} - 5\frac{1}{4} =$$

b)
$$3\frac{5}{8} - 1\frac{1}{4} =$$

d)
$$10\frac{5}{6} - 5\frac{5}{12} =$$

What do you notice about your answer to part d)?



Car A travels $15\frac{1}{4}$ miles.





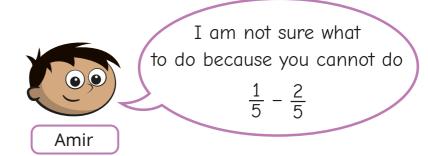
Car B travels $21\frac{5}{12}$ miles.

How much further does Car B travel than Car A?

miles

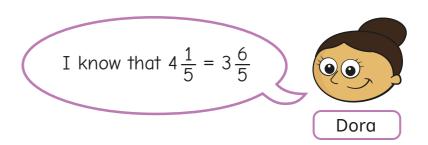
4 Amir and Dora are working out $4\frac{1}{5} - 1\frac{2}{5}$

a)



Do you agree with Amir?

b)



How does this help you to work out the subtraction?

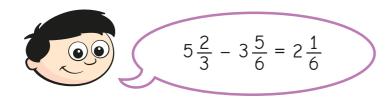
c) Complete the subtraction.

$$4\frac{1}{5} - 1\frac{2}{5} =$$

- 5 Complete the subtractions.
 - a) $4\frac{4}{5} 2\frac{9}{10} =$
- **c)** $5\frac{2}{7} 2\frac{11}{14} =$

- **b)** $3\frac{5}{8} 1\frac{3}{4} =$
- **d)** $2\frac{1}{6} 1\frac{7}{18} =$

6 Dexter is subtracting fractions.



Explain the mistake that Dexter has made.

7 Here are some number cards.

 $3\frac{1}{12}$

 $4\frac{1}{2}$

 $2\frac{5}{24}$

 $4\frac{5}{6}$

a) Which two numbers have the smallest difference?

b) Which two numbers have the greatest difference?

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8 Complete the magic square.

The total of each column is $5\frac{7}{20}$ The total of each row is $5\frac{7}{20}$

1 1/2	1 3 5	
	1 7/20	1 7/10

9 A marathon is $26\frac{1}{5}$ miles.

Jack has run $18\frac{1}{10}$ miles.

Eva has run $19\frac{3}{5}$ miles.

a) How much further has Eva run than Jack?

miles

b) How much further does Eva need to run to complete the marathon?



