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To Teachers

Subtraction presents a unique approach to introducing subtraction facts to young children. The concept pages can be colored and saved to assemble later as a subtraction-help booklet.

The activity pages to reinforce each concept include coloring activities, cut-and-paste projects, and games. Each activity was especially designed to reinforce the basic subtraction skills that are commonly introduced at the early-childhood level. Every chapter is full of activity pages that allow children to study the subtraction facts inside, outside, upside-down, and right-side up until they “own” the facts—they become a part of them.

The important thing to remember is to focus on the celebration of learning. Make each activity fun!

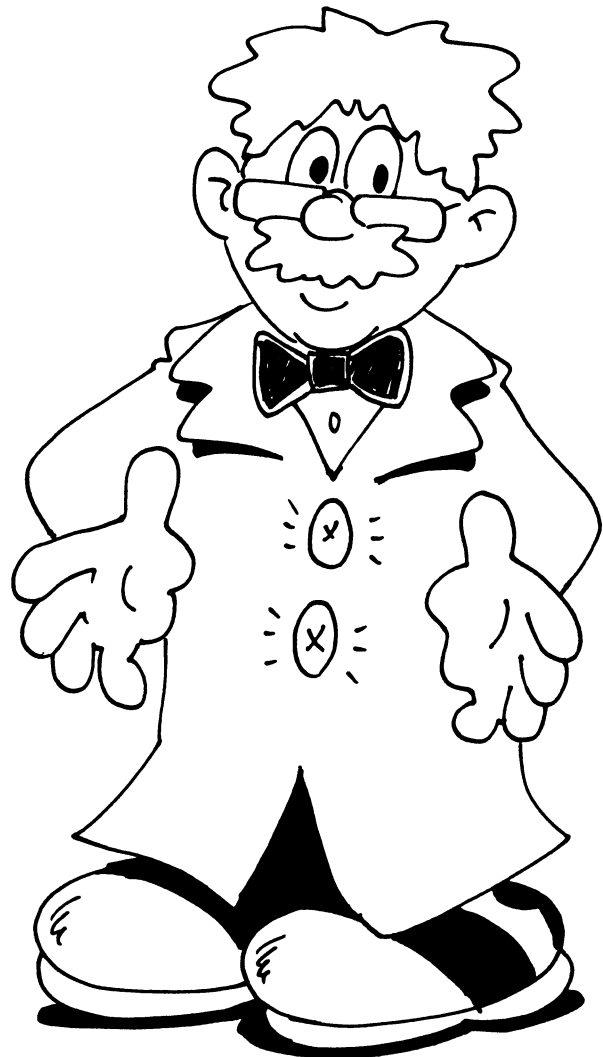
Subtraction Zero to Five

Subtraction is taking away one number from another number to find out how many are left. Subtraction is the opposite of addition. In this chapter you are going to practise taking numbers away from 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

The Story: Max has 2 buttons on his coat. If he loses 1 button, how many will he have left? Count to find out.

The Problem: Work out how many buttons Max has left.

Subtraction Sentence: $2 - 1 = 1$



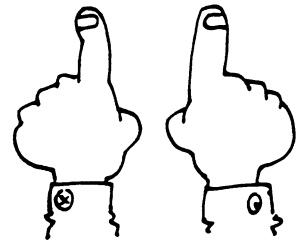
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Blackbirds on a Hill

There were 2 blackbirds sitting on a hill.

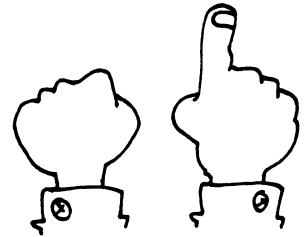
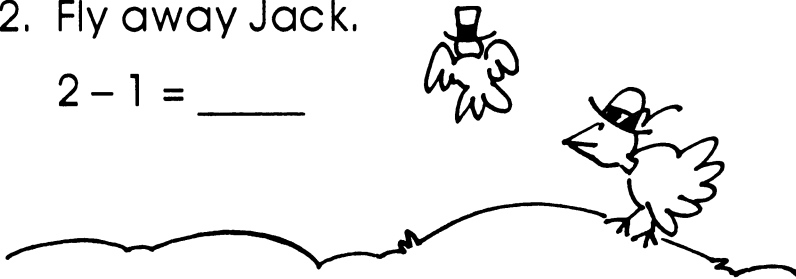
1. One named Jack; one named Jill.

$1 + 1 = \underline{\quad}$



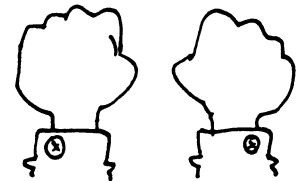
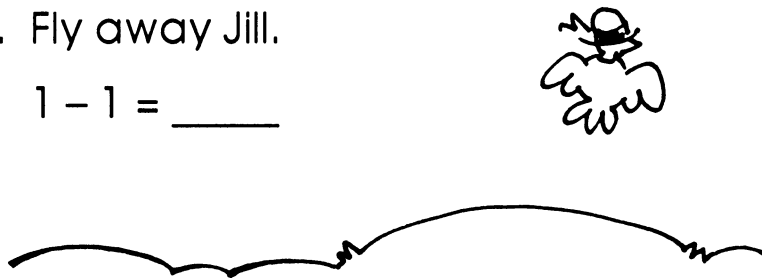
2. Fly away Jack.

$2 - 1 = \underline{\quad}$



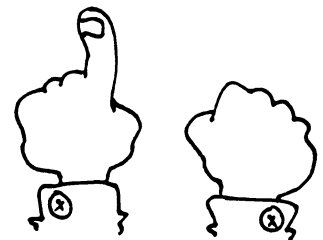
3. Fly away Jill.

$1 - 1 = \underline{\quad}$



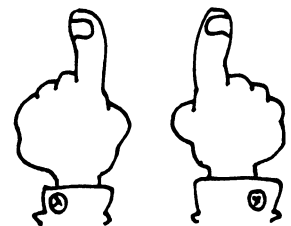
4. Come again Jack.

$0 + 1 = \underline{\quad}$



5. Come again Jill.

$1 + 1 = \underline{\quad}$



Subtraction Six to Ten

Now that you have practised subtracting numbers from 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, you are going to practise subtracting numbers from 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

The Story: Nan had 8 bananas. She gave Max 4 bananas. How many bananas does she have left? Count to find out.

The Problem: Work out how many bananas Nan has left.

Subtraction Sentence:

$$8 - 4 = 4$$

