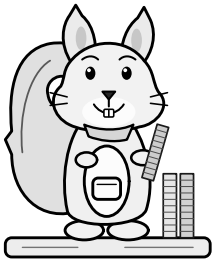
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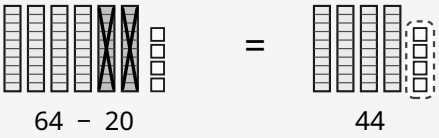
Subtracting Tens from Two-Digit Numbers

Cross out the tens taken away in the four base-10 models, then solve the eight mental subtractions without changing the ones digit.



Up in his oak-tree storeroom, Noa the squirrel removes whole bundles of ten acorns. Help him count what is left without touching the ones!

Example: 64 − 20 = 44



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6 tens − 2 tens = 4 tens; the 4 ones stay unchanged.

60 − 20 = 40

64 − 20 = 44

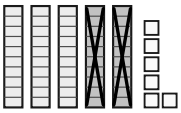
1. Cross out the tens subtracted and write the difference (4 problems)

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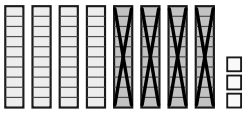
74 − 30 = 44

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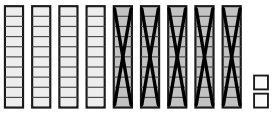
56 − 20 = 36

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83 − 40 = 43

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92 − 50 = 42

2. Subtract mentally while keeping the ones digit (8 problems)

5 58 − 20 = 38

6 75 − 30 = 45

7 89 − 40 = 49

8 93 − 50 = 43

9 62 − 40 = 22

10 81 − 60 = 21

11 96 − 30 = 66

12 70 − 50 = 20

Tip: when subtracting 20, 30, or 50, only the tens digit goes down—the ones digit always stays the same.