

Practicing the Subtraction Facts

You will need

- Set of Subtraction Cards
- Two envelopes, one labeled “Subtraction Facts I Know” and the other labeled “Subtraction Facts I’m Working On”

1. Look at the front of each Subtraction Card. If you have a helper, that person can show you one card at a time.
2. Your job is to say the answer to the problem as quickly as you can. If you get the answer right away, put the card in the “Subtraction Facts I Know” envelope. If you have to stop and figure it out, put it into the other envelope, “Subtraction Facts I’m Working On.”
3. Look at each card in your “working on” pile. Think about how the addition combination clue can help you remember this related subtraction problem. For example:

Example “I know that
 $8 + 6 = 14$, so
 $14 - 6$ must be 8.”

$14 - 6 = \underline{\quad}$
$14 - \underline{\quad} = 6$
Addition Clue: $8 + 6 = 14$

4. Go through each of the cards in your “working on” pile at least three times, using the addition clues to help you find the answers.
5. Put all of your cards back together and go through them again. This time, cover up the addition clues and see how well you do without them.
6. Keep practicing until you have no more cards in your “working on” pile.