



Subtraction Cheat Sheet (Traditional)

To solve multi digit subtraction problems using the traditional method it's a lot like normal the only difference is borrowing (if needed).

Lets take a look at the steps in depth below to solve the problem: $395 - 197$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 3 \cancel{9} 5 \\ - 1 9 7 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \ 18 \\ 3 \cancel{9} 5 \\ - 1 9 7 \\ \hline 9 8 \end{array}$$

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1) Ones place - Ones place

- A. First we need to subtract 7 from 5.
- B. Because 5 is less than 7 we need to borrow from the 9.
- C. Take one from the 9, which turns the 9 into an 8.
- D. Put the one next to the five. This turns the 5 into a 15.
- E. $15 - 7 = 8$.

2) Tens place - Tens place

- A. Now we need to subtract the 9 from the 8.
- B. Because 8 is less than 9 we need to borrow from the 3.
- C. Take one from the 3, which turns the 3 into a 2.
- D. Put the one next to the 8. This turns the 8 into a 18.
- E. $18 - 9 = 9$.

3) Hundreds place - Hundreds place

- A. Now we need to subtract the 1 from the 2.
- B. $2 - 1 = 1$.

Things to Remember

- You can check your answer by adding. For example:
 $198 + 197 = 395$