

# Subtract Across Zeros

**CA Standard**  
**KEY NS 2.1**

**Find 300 – 134.**

**Step 1** Subtract the ones.

$$\begin{array}{r} 300 \\ - 134 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Because you cannot subtract 4 ones from 0 ones, you need to regroup.

There are no tens to regroup as ones.

**Step 3** Subtract the tens.

$$\begin{array}{r} 21010 \\ \cancel{3}00 \\ - 134 \\ \hline 66 \end{array}$$

9 tens – 3 tens = 6 tens

**Solution:**  $300 - 134 = 166$

**Step 2** Regroup and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} 21010 \\ \cancel{3}00 \\ - 134 \\ \hline 6 \end{array}$$

Regroup 1 hundred as 10 tens.

Regroup one of those tens as 10 ones.

10 ones – 4 ones = 6 ones.

**Step 4** Subtract the hundreds.

$$\begin{array}{r} 21010 \\ \cancel{3}00 \\ - 134 \\ \hline 166 \end{array}$$

2 hundreds – 1 hundred = 1 hundred

**Find each difference.**

1. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 306 \\ - 193 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

2. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 500 \\ - 237 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

3. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 804 \\ - 142 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

4. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 608 \\ - 268 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

5. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 540 \\ - 333 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

6. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 700 \\ - 328 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

7. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 400 \\ - 125 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

8. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 250 \\ - 128 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



**Writing Math** The first step has been done in the subtraction shown on the right. You see that 1 hundred has been regrouped as 10 tens. Why was this done?

$$\begin{array}{r} 710 \\ \cancel{8}06 \\ - 577 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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