

# Algebra IA

## Lesson 2.3 Subtract Real Numbers

### Warm-Up

Tell which Addition Property is shown in each of the following.

(a)  $5 + (-5) = 0$  Inverse Property

(b)  $7 + (-3) = -3 + 7$  Commutative Property

(c)  $(x+9) + (-3) = x + (9+(-3))$   
Associative Property

(d)  $-15 + 0 = -15$   
Identity Property

### Properties of Addition

Commutative Property  $a + b = b + a$

Associative Property  $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$

Identity Property  $a + 0 = a$

Inverse Property  $a + (-a) = 0$

### Example 1. Subtract Real Numbers

Find the difference by rewriting with the subtraction rule.

(a)  $-18 - 3$   
 $-18 + (-3) = -21$

(b)  $-9 - (-12)$   
 $-9 + (12) = 3$

(c)  $13 - (-5)$   
 $13 + (5) = 18$

### Subtraction Rule

Subtracting  $b$  from  $a$  is defined as adding the opposite of  $b$  to  $a$ .

$$a - b = a + (-b)$$

### Example 2. Evaluate a Variable Expression

Evaluate each expression when  $x = 8.8$  and  $y = -1.4$ .

(a)  $x - y + 2.3$   
 $(8.8) - (-1.4) + 2.3$

$12.5$

(b)  $1.4 + y - x$   
 $1.4 + (-1.4) - (8.8)$

$-8.8$

(c)  $x + 5.1 - y$   
 $(8.8) + 5.1 - (-1.4)$

$15.3$

### Try It!

Evaluate the expression when  $x = -3$  and  $y = 5$ . Show the analysis that leads to your answer.

(a)  $x - y + 8$   
 $(-3) - (5) + 8$

$0$

(b)  $y - (x - 2)$   
 $(5) - ((-3) - 2)$

$10$

(c)  $(y - 4) - x$   
 $((5) - 4) - (-3)$

$4$

**Example 3. Using Subtraction to Evaluate Change**

The temperature one morning was  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . By midday, the temperature was  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$ . What was the change in temperature?

$$-5^{\circ}\text{C} - 15^{\circ}\text{C} = -20^{\circ}\text{C}$$

The change in temperature was a decrease of  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

What were the morning and midday temperatures in  $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ? (Use the formula  $F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$ )

<p>MORNING</p> $F = \frac{9}{5}(15) + 32$ $F = 27 + 32 = 59^{\circ}$	<p>MIDDAY</p> $F = \frac{9}{5}(-5) + 32$ $F = -9 + 32 = 23^{\circ}$
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MORNING =  $59^{\circ}\text{F}$   
 MIDDAY =  $23^{\circ}\text{F}$

What was the change in temperature in  $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ?

$$23 - 59 = -36$$

The change in temperature was a decrease of  $36^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

**Try It!**

A new car is valued at \$15,000. One year later, the care is valued at \$12,300.

(a) What is the change in value of the car?

$$12,300 - 15,000 = -2700$$

The value of the car decreased by  $-\$2700$ .

(b) Assume the car continues to lose value the same way, year after year. Write an expression that will give the value of the car after  $t$  years.

$$15,000 - 2,700t$$

(c) Use your expression to predict the value of the car after 5 years.

$$15,000 - 2,700(5) = 1,500$$

The car will be worth \$1,500 in 5 years

**Assignment:** Page 82-83 (4 - 44) even

**Review:**

Write the following numbers in increasing order.

1. 5.31, 5.04, -5.32, -6.2, 6.3, 5.3      2.  $-6\frac{2}{5}$ , 6.42,  $\frac{33}{5}$ , -6.3,  $-\frac{33}{5}$ , 6.05

Evaluate the expression.

3.  $|3.76|$       4.  $|-75|$       5.  $14 - |-7|$   
 6.  $-17 - (-14)$       7.  $-32 - (-27) - 9$       8.  $35 - 0 - (-19)$