

Subtracting Fractions from Whole Numbers

1. Work out the answers and complete the calculations.

a. $\frac{5}{5} - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{\square}{5}$

b. $\frac{5}{5} - \frac{\square}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$

c. $\frac{9}{5} - \frac{5}{5} = \frac{\square}{5}$

2. Use strips of paper to calculate:

a. $1 - \frac{3}{4} = \square$

b. $3 - \frac{1}{2} = \square$

a. $2 - \frac{2}{9} = \square$

3. Use these digit cards to complete the subtraction.

1

2

4

6

6

$$\square - \frac{\square}{\square} = \frac{\square}{\square}$$

4. Amir says that:



$$6 - \frac{4}{5} = \frac{29}{5} - \frac{3}{5}$$

Is he correct? Explain your answer below.

Ella says that:



$$4 - \frac{1}{4} < 4 - \frac{4}{5}$$

Is she correct? Explain your answer below.

Subtracting Fractions from Whole Numbers **Answers**

1. Work out the answers and complete the calculations.

$$\text{a. } \frac{5}{5} - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{\boxed{2}}{5}$$

$$\text{b. } \frac{5}{5} - \frac{\boxed{2}}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\text{c. } \frac{9}{5} - \frac{5}{5} = \frac{\boxed{4}}{5}$$

2. Use strips of paper to calculate:

1

$$\text{a. } 1 - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{\boxed{1}}{\boxed{4}}$$

$$\text{b. } 3 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\boxed{2\frac{1}{2}}}{\boxed{2}}$$

$$\text{a. } 2 - \frac{2}{9} = \frac{\boxed{1\frac{7}{9}}}{\boxed{9}}$$

3. Use these digit cards to complete the subtraction.



$$\frac{\boxed{1}}{\boxed{6}} - \frac{\boxed{2}}{\boxed{6}} = \frac{\boxed{4}}{\boxed{6}}$$

4. Amir says that: $6 - \frac{4}{5} = \frac{29}{5} - \frac{3}{5}$ Is he correct? Explain your answer below.

Amir is correct because

$$6 - \frac{4}{5} = 5\frac{1}{5} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{29}{5} - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{26}{5} \quad \text{which is } 5\frac{1}{5}$$

Ella says that: $4 - \frac{1}{4} < 4 - \frac{4}{5}$ Is she correct? Explain your answer below.

Ella is not correct because

$$4 - \frac{1}{4} = 3\frac{3}{4} \quad \text{but} \quad 4 - \frac{4}{5} = 3\frac{1}{5}$$

So, she should have said $4 - \frac{1}{4} > 4 - \frac{4}{5}$