

## Mathematics

### Adding and subtracting - REVERSE METHOD

## Addition and Subtraction are Opposites



There is a reverse relationship between addition and subtraction.

For example,  $3 + 7 = 10$ , we can reverse this sum and take away using the same numbers.

$$3 + 7 = 10$$

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$$3 = 7 - 10$$

$$10 - 7 = 3$$

Teaching Buddy

By adding 2 and then taking away 2, Fred is left with the same amount of lollipops. Subtracting 'undoes' adding.

$6 + 2 = 8$   
 $8 - 2 = 6$

They are **opposites**.

Math Teaching Resources

Buddy

A cartoon illustration of a boy with orange hair, wearing a purple cap and a purple shirt, standing with his hands on his hips.

Complete the sums below

since  $1 + 3 = 4$   
then  $4 - 1 = \square$

since  $3 + 5 = 8$   
then  $8 - 3 = \square$

since  $7 + 7 = 14$   
then  $14 - 7 = \square$

since  $9 + 2 = 11$   
then  $11 - 9 = \square$

since  $2 + 3 = 5$   
then  $5 - 2 = \square$

since  $3 + 9 = 12$   
then  $12 - 3 = \square$