

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.

$$3 + 7 = 10.$$

$$3 = 7 - 10.$$

$$10 - 7 = 3$$

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

A cartoon boy with orange hair, wearing a purple cap and a purple shirt, standing next to the text.

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 $12 - 3 = \square$