Worksheet: Subtracting unlike fractions

1. Subtract the following fractions (Use LCM to find common denominator);

   a) $\dfrac{1}{2} - \dfrac{1}{4} = --- = -$

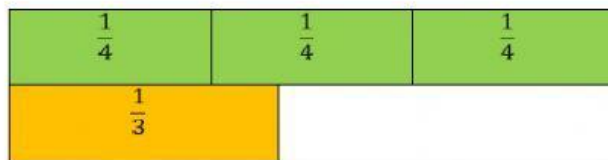   b) $\dfrac{2}{3} - \dfrac{2}{6} = --- = -$

   c) $\dfrac{3}{8} - \dfrac{2}{6} = --- = -$

   d) $\dfrac{11}{12} - \dfrac{5}{8} = --- = -$

   e) $\dfrac{4}{5} - \dfrac{1}{3} = --- = -$

2. What fractions are being subtracted in the model below?

$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$\frac{1}{3}$		

   a) $\dfrac{1}{4} - \dfrac{1}{3}$

   b) $\dfrac{3}{4} - \dfrac{1}{3}$

   c) $\dfrac{1}{3} - \dfrac{3}{4}$

3. What is the difference in the fraction? Write the answer in the space provided.

$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$\frac{1}{3}$		$\dfrac{\square}{\square}$