Example 1

A female body length of Cuban tree frog can be up to $\frac{7}{50}$ meter. A male body length of Cuban tree frog can be up to $\frac{9}{100}$ meter. How much

longer is the female Cuban tree frog than the male? Find $\frac{7}{50} - \frac{9}{100}$.

Write equivalent, like fractions using the least common denominator, LCD. The LCD of $\frac{7}{50}$ and $\frac{9}{100}$ is 100.

$$\frac{7}{50} - \frac{9}{100} = \frac{7}{50} \times \frac{2}{2} - \frac{9}{100}$$
$$= \frac{14}{100} - \frac{9}{100}$$

Multiply.

$$=\frac{14-9}{100}$$
, or

Subtract like fractions.

Write equivalent fractions using the LCD.



A female Cuban tree frog is ____ meter longer than the male.

Check for Reasonableness Use benchmark fractions to check.

Since, $\frac{1}{20} < \frac{1}{2}$, your answer is reasonable.



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