

## Lesson 19: Subtraction Problem Solving

**Purpose of Lesson:** You will use subtraction skills to solve word problems.



**Key words:** The following words are often used in problems that are solved by subtraction: difference, left, less, how much more, how many more, how much change, etc.

ALSO, be sure to put the **larger** number on **top**.

Example #1:

Maria spent \$69 shopping for her family. She gave the cashier \$100. How much change should she receive?

Set this problem up this way:

$$\begin{array}{r} \$100 \\ - 69 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**\$ 31      This is how much she should receive.**

Example #2:

The local hardware store is selling a power drill on sale for \$69.99, and its regular price is \$89. How much is saved by buying this item on sale?

$$\begin{array}{r} \$89.00 \\ - 69.99 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**\$ 19.01      Amount saved by buying this item on sale.**

Now it's your turn to try a word problem:

**Take Lesson 19 Quiz 1**

More word problems using estimation:

**Take Lesson 19 Quiz 2**