

# UNIT 1: SIMPLIFY EXPRESSIONS

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Objectives: I can solve problems by subtracting integers.

## Subtracting Integers

Addition is the same as subtracting the opposite.

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow 7 + (-4) &= 3 \text{ last night} \\ \rightarrow 7 - 4 &= 3 \text{ tonight} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow 8 + (-2) &= 6 \\ \rightarrow 8 - 2 &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

last night tonight

add the opposite

Let's not have to memorize a bunch of rules! Subtracting integers just requires you to **add the opposite**.

Change the subtraction sign to addition; **change the sign of the next number**. (Never change the number before the subtraction sign.)

Examples:  $10 - (-4) =$   
 $10 + (+4) = 14$

$-6 - 5 =$   
 $-6 + (-5) = -11$

$3 - 9 =$   
 $3 + (-9) = -6$

**Practice** Rewrite the subtraction problems below as addition problems, then solve.

1)  $-7 - (-3) = -10$

4)  $-28 - (-8) = -20$

7)  $14 - (-9) = 23$

2)  $12 - 23 = -11$

5)  $-2 - 98 = -100$

8)  $-4 - 15 = -19$

3)  $15 - (-3) = 18$

6)  $-63 - (-12) = -51$

9)  $5 - 8 - (-4) = 1$

10)  $-2 - 5 - (-7) = 0$   
 Combine Negatives:  $-2 + (-5) + (+7) = (-7) + (+7)$

Combine Positives:  $5 + (-8) + (+4) = 9 + (-8)$

Write a numerical expression for each situation and then simplify.

11) Terry has \$43 in a checking account. If Terry writes a check for \$62, what is the new account balance?

$$43 - 62 = 43 + (-62) = -19$$

12) Suppose you score 35 points in a game but then you get a 50 point penalty. What is your new score?

$$35 - 50 = 35 + (-50) = -15$$

Evaluate each expression if  $m = -2$ ,  $n = 3$ , and  $p = -6$ .

13)  $m - p$

$$\begin{aligned} (-2) - (-6) \\ -2 + 6 \\ \boxed{4} \end{aligned}$$

14)  $p - n + m$

$$\begin{aligned} (-6) - (3) + (-2) \\ -6 + (-3) + (-2) \\ -9 + (-2) \\ \boxed{-11} \end{aligned}$$

15)  $2n - m$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(3) - (-2) \\ 6 - (-2) \\ 6 + 2 \\ \boxed{8} \end{aligned}$$