

# **Column Method for Subtraction**

**LO: To be able to use column method for subtraction.**



# Steps to success

1. Put the largest number on top.
2. Place the digits in the correct column.
3. Show the subtraction and equal sign.
4. **Exchange and then subtract** the top number from the bottom number in the units column.
5. Subtract the top number from the bottom number in the tens column. **Exchange if you need to.**

Solve  $48 - 26 = \dots$

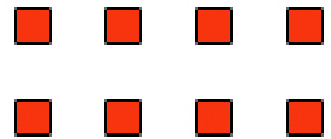
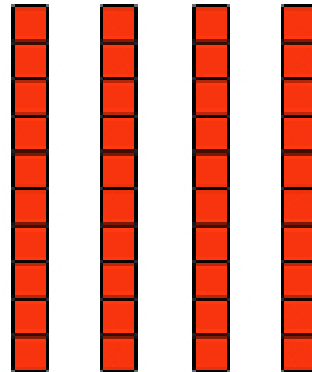
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4 8

- 2 6

2 2



# Solve $65 - 29 =$

H	T	U
	<del>5</del> 6	<sup>1</sup> 5
-	2	9
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	3	6
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# Solve $243 - 29 = \dots$

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2	<sup>3</sup> 4	<sup>1</sup> 3
-	2	9
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2	1	4
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6. Subtract the top number from the bottom number in the hundreds column.

# What you need to do:

- ★ Solve the sums and show use jottings to help you
- ★ Remember to use the steps to success – think about each column carefully – starting with the ones column

# Challenge

Apply column method for subtraction to this:

$$3752 - 631 = \dots$$

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$$5435 - 2122 = ?$$

$$1435 - 326 = ?$$