

# Subtracting Three-Digit Numbers

Find  $726 - 238$ .Estimate:  $700 - 200 = 500$ , so the answer should be about 500.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
First subtract the ones. Regroup if needed.	Subtract the tens. Regroup if needed.	Subtract the hundreds.
$\begin{array}{r} 1\ 16 \\ 72\cancel{6} \\ -238 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 6\ \cancel{1}\ 16 \\ 72\cancel{6} \\ -238 \\ \hline 88 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 6\ \cancel{1}\ 16 \\ 72\cancel{6} \\ -238 \\ \hline 488 \end{array}$
Regroup 1 ten into 10 ones.	You will need to regroup, since 3 tens $>$ 1 ten. Regroup 1 hundred into 10 tens. This gives you a total of 11 tens.	Is your answer correct? Check by adding: $488 + 238 = 726$ . It checks.

1. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 228 \\ - 123 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

2. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 291 \\ - 187 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

3. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 336 \\ - 275 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

4. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 512 \\ - 299 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

5.  $175 - 156 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

6.  $327 - 159 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

7. The town library had 634 CDs for rent. During one week, 288 of them were rented. How many CDs were left? \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Number Sense** If you had to subtract 426 from 913, how many times would you need to regroup? How can you tell?

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