

Secret subtraction

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Lesson overview

Pupils will complete subtraction problems to crack a code and reveal a secret message.

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Lesson Outcomes

- Subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero.
- I know that I need to look after my money.
- I understand that money has a value and needs to be taken care of.

Instructions: Ask pupils to solve the problems and match the answers to the corresponding letters. They should then print that letter each time they see the corresponding number in the coded message. When all the problems are complete, they will have cracked the code to reveal the answer.

When pupils have completed the problems and found the answer, ask for a volunteer to read the message aloud. Discuss the meaning of the message. Ask pupils why it is wise to keep money in a safe place (because it has value, because you don't want to lose it, etc.) Discuss some possible places for keeping money safe, such as the bank, a piggy bank or money box, etc.

Answer Key

$14 - 6 = 8$

i

$19 - 1 = 18$

f

$18 - 6 = 12$

m

$20 - 0 = 20$

y

$16 - 2 = 14$

n

$17 - 2 = 15$

c

$15 - 4 = 9$

k

$6 - 2 = 4$

o

$20 - 1 = 19$

r

$18 - 7 = 11$

t

$16 - 6 = 10$

u

$9 - 3 = 6$

s

$15 - 10 = 5$

p

$15 - 13 = 2$

l

$10 - 3 = 7$

w

$8 - 5 = 3$

e

$11 - 10 = 1$

a

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l t i s w i s e t o
8 11 8 6 7 8 6 3 11 4

k e e p y o u r m o n e y
9 3 3 5 20 4 10 19 12 4 14 3 20

i n a s a f e p l a c e
8 14 1 6 1 18 3 5 2 1 15 3



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