Lesson 17: Borrowing in Subtraction Problems

**Purpose of Lesson:** You will learn how to borrow in subtraction problems.

In subtraction you sometimes need to **borrow** (regroup) or, as it is sometimes called, **exchange**.

This is how it works:

Example: a) 627  
Although 627 is larger than 219, you may have noticed that 

- 219  
  in the **ones place** the ‘9’ is larger than ‘7’. Therefore, you need to borrow.

1 17  

a) 6 2 7  
1) Borrow 1 from the 2, and make it 1.

- 2 1 9  
2) Then add 10 to 7, making it 17.

4 0 8  
3) Now you may subtract.

6 12  

b) 9, 7 2 5  
1) Borrow 1 from the 7 in this problem, and make 6.

- 6, 3 5 3  
2) Add 10 to the 2 to make it 12.

3, 3 7 2  
3) Now you may subtract.

Now you try some:

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