Lesson 19: Subtraction Problem Solving

**Purpose of Lesson:** You will use subtraction skills to solve word problems.

**Key words:** The following words are often used in problems that are solved by subtraction: difference, left, less, how much more, how many more, how much change, etc.

**ALSO,** be sure to put the **larger** number on **top**.

Example #1:

Maria spent $69 shopping for her family. She gave the cashier $100. How much change should she receive?

Set this problem up this way:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
100 \\
-69 \\
\hline
31
\end{array}
\]

This is how much she should receive.

Example #2:

The local hardware store is selling a power drill on sale for $69.99, and its regular price is $89. How much is saved by buying this item on sale?

\[
\begin{array}{c}
89.00 \\
-69.99 \\
\hline
19.01
\end{array}
\]

Amount saved by buying this item on sale.

Now it's your turn to try a word problem:

**Take Lesson 19 Quiz 1**

More word problems using estimation:

**Take Lesson 19 Quiz 2**