

**MATHEMATICAL THINKING
STRATEGY:
MINUS 1**

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Use Minus 1 instead of subtracting across zero.

$$\text{Ex: } 300 - 1 \rightarrow 299$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{-45} \\ 300 \\ \hline 255 \end{array}$$

Subtracting this way can often be done mentally

*make sure you -1 from BOTH numbers

$$\text{Ex: } \begin{array}{r} \underline{-49} \\ 305 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

instead of
-1 you
-5 together to 300
than -1 more

$$\begin{array}{r} -6 \\ 299 \\ -6 \\ \hline 256 \end{array}$$

**TRY TO WORK THROUGH THE
EXAMPLES ON THE NEXT SLIDE.**

Let's Practice:

$$\begin{array}{r} 400 \\ - 128 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 502 \\ - 185 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 300 \\ - 151 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 301 \\ - 164 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

READY TO CHECK YOUR WORK!

Let's Practice:

$$\begin{array}{r} 400 - 1 \rightarrow 399 \\ - 128 - 1 \rightarrow -127 \\ \hline 272 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 502^{\text{th}} \\ - 185^{\text{th}} \\ \hline 317 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 300 - 1 \rightarrow 299 \\ - 151 - 1 \rightarrow -150 \\ \hline 149 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 301 - 2 \\ - 164 - 2 \\ \hline 137 \end{array}$$