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Two Digits from Three Digit Subtraction - Step-by-Step Lesson

Subtract the following:

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \ 8 \ 9 \\ - \ 5 \ 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



Explanation:

I like to think about this by place value.

We subtract from the lowest to highest place value. We have three digit numbers, so it would follow this scheme:

Hundreds	Tens	Ones
3	2	1

First we subtract the ones place $9 - 3 = 6$. Write down 6.

Second we subtract the tens place $8 - 5 = 3$. Write down 3.

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \ 8 \ 9 \\ - \ 5 \ 3 \\ \hline 3 \ 6 \end{array}$$

There is nothing to subtract from the hundreds place, so we just carry it down.

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \ 8 \ 9 \\ - \ 5 \ 3 \\ \hline 7 \ 3 \ 6 \end{array}$$

Answer is: 736

