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Five Digit Subtraction - Step-by-Step Lesson



$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \quad 6 \quad 5 \quad 4 \quad 1 \\ - 2 \quad 4 \quad 7 \quad 2 \quad 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Explanation:

First we subtract right to left digit so that $1 - 1 = 0$. Write down 0

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \quad 6 \quad 5 \quad 4 \quad 1 \\ - 2 \quad 4 \quad 7 \quad 2 \quad 1 \\ \hline \mathbf{0} \end{array}$$

Then we subtract $4 - 2 = 2$. Write down 2

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \quad 6 \quad 5 \quad 4 \quad 1 \\ - 2 \quad 4 \quad 7 \quad 2 \quad 1 \\ \hline \mathbf{2} \quad \mathbf{0} \end{array}$$

After that we have to subtract $5 - 7$

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The "1" means 1 unit, the "4" means 4 tens, the "5" means 5 hundred, the "6" means 6 thousand, the "7" means 7 thousand, so that:

Reduce 6 by 1

Increase 5 by 10

So we borrow 1 tens (1 tens = 10 units) from 6 so we can calculate

$10 + 5 = 15$. And subtract $15 - 7 = 8$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \quad 6 \quad 5 \quad 4 \quad 1 \\ - 2 \quad 4 \quad 7 \quad 2 \quad 1 \\ \hline \mathbf{8} \quad \mathbf{2} \quad \mathbf{0} \end{array}$$



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In the 6 thousand we have gives 1 tens i.e. $6 - 1 = 5$.

So we subtract $5 - 4 = 1$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \quad \cancel{6} \quad 5 \quad 4 \quad 1 \\ - 2 \quad 4 \quad 7 \quad 2 \quad 1 \\ \hline 1 \quad 8 \quad 2 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

Now we subtract $7 - 2 = 5$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \quad 6 \quad 5 \quad 4 \quad 1 \\ - 2 \quad 4 \quad 7 \quad 2 \quad 1 \\ \hline 5 \quad 1 \quad 8 \quad 2 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

So the answer is 51,820.

