Mixed Number Subtraction - Step-by-Step Lesson

Subtract following:

a)   7
    - 3

b)   257
     -    28

Explanation:

a) Single digit addition is very similar to counting backwards. In this case we need to count back 3 places from 7.

3 places back
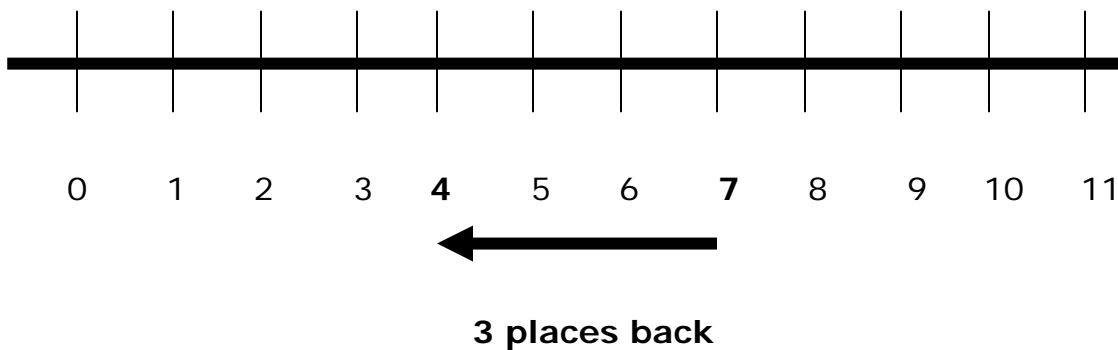
7 -3 = 4

b) In this case we are facing a situation of subtraction based on place value. We always start by subtracting the lowest place value first (ones place).

Ones place subtraction = 7 – 8 . Now 7 is smaller than 8 so we must borrow a ten from the tens place. Making it 17 – 8 = 9.

    4 17

   2~~57~~

-      28

   229

Tens place = 4 – 2= 2   Hundreds place = 2- 0 =2