Subtraction as Unknown Addend

Today's Standard

1.OA.B4 - Understand subtraction as an unknown-addend problem. For example, subtract 10 - 8 by finding the number that makes 10 when added to 8.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using snacks to find out how many are missing to reach a total.; Determining the number of steps needed to reach a destination when some steps are already taken.; Figuring out how many more blocks are needed to complete a structure.; Calculating remaining items in a collection after giving some away.; Finding out how many more pages are needed to finish a book when some pages are already read.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about subtraction as finding a missing number. For example, if you have 10 and take away 8, you need to find the number that, when added to 8, makes 10.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Kids might think that subtraction always means taking away, but it can also mean finding a missing number. They might also think the order of numbers doesn't matter, but it does.

Quiz Me

- What number do you add to 8 to make 10?

- If you have 10 and take away 7, what number is missing?

- How can you find out what number plus 6 equals 10?

- What is the missing number in 9 - 5?

- If you have 10 and take away 4, what number is missing?

Help Me

Subtraction can be like a puzzle. If you have 10 apples and give away some, you can figure out how many you gave away by seeing how many are left. This helps you understand subtraction better.