

The process, or method, of finding the difference between two numbers, or of finding the remainder when one number is *subtracted* from another, is called **subtraction**.

The larger of the two numbers in subtraction is called the **minuend**, the smaller the **subtrahend**.

The minuend is the sum of the remainder and the subtrahend.

The sign for subtraction is $-$ and is called the **minus** sign. It indicates that the number after it is to be subtracted from the number before it. Thus, $62 - 25$ is read 62 *minus* 25 and means that 25 is to be subtracted or taken away from 62.

The numbers are arranged as for addition, the smaller being placed under the larger.

Subtraction is only another form of Addition, for in order to find the difference between two numbers it is only necessary to find the number which must be *added* to the smaller to give the larger.

EXERCISE 8

Subtract and check:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1. \quad 89 \quad 786 \quad 674 \quad 63 \quad 84 \quad 70 \\ \quad 53 \quad 45 \quad 52 \quad 27 \quad 39 \quad 24 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2. \quad 456 \quad 975 \quad 578 \quad 826 \quad 500 \quad 807 \quad 353 \quad 764 \\ \quad 128 \quad 246 \quad 183 \quad 458 \quad 167 \quad 248 \quad 168 \quad 532 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3. \quad 6982 \quad 7026 \quad 6304 \quad 5500 \quad 8306 \quad 6304 \quad 9000 \\ \quad 5431 \quad 4007 \quad 2012 \quad 2870 \quad 7029 \quad 2012 \quad 8023 \\ \hline \end{array}$$