

Subtraction with Regrouping

When subtracting all pupils, parents and teachers are requested to use the following agreed wording.

T	U
5	1
- 2	3

51 take away 23 or 51 subtract 23

T	U
5	1
- 2	3

We begin with the unit side

Rule: always start at the top

1 take away 3 we cannot do
So we break up a ten from the ten's side

T	U
4	
5	1
- 2	3

How many tens do we have now? 4
How many units do we have now? 11

Remember to
(Begin with the units)

11 take away 3 What does that leave?
11 take away 3 leaves 8
(Now subtract the tens)

T	U
4	
5	1
- 2	3
2	8

4 take away 2 What does that leave?
4 take away 2 leaves 2

We had 51 and we took away 23
Now what have we left?
We have 28 left