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## Purpose

To find the difference between two numbers

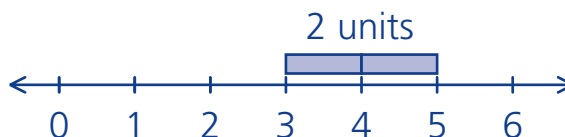
## Math Words

**difference between**

Since I am 2 years older than my sister, the difference between our ages is 2 years.

**find the difference**

To find the difference between 5 and 3, find how much more 5 is than 3.



**difference**

The difference is the answer you get when you subtract.

### Starter Problem

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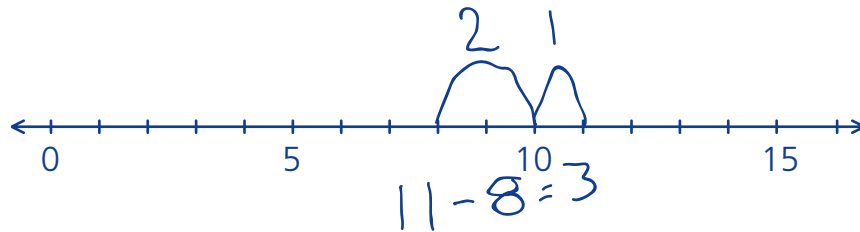
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## Student Thinking



Dan

To find the difference, I started with Marcos' trains and counted up 3 units between 8 and 11. It's easier to count up in easy steps than to take away in this problem. The difference is 3.



Olivia

I counted up from 8 to 11. There are 4 numbers: 8, 9, 10, 11. The difference is 4.



8, 9, 10, 11       $11 - 8 = 4$

## Things to Remember

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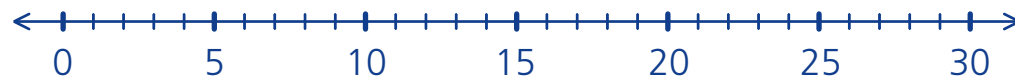
## Our Turn

Find the difference. Use the number line to help you.

1. Eva's bean plant is 17 inches tall. Sophia's bean plant is 9 inches tall. Find the difference between the heights of Eva's and Sophia's plants. \_\_\_\_\_



2. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ -18 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



3. Find the difference between 20 and 5. \_\_\_\_\_



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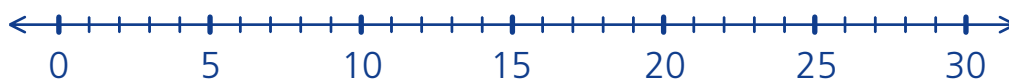
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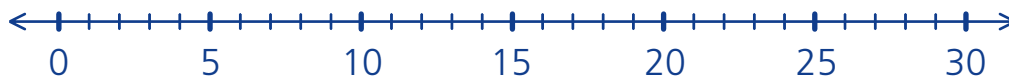
- Avery is 13 years old. His little brother, Tom, is 9 years old.  
Find the difference in their ages. \_\_\_\_\_



$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ - 17 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



- Find the difference between 25 and 19. \_\_\_\_\_



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**Multiple Choice Mini Lesson**

Fill in the circle next to the answer you choose.

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