

Subtracting Decimals

Step 1 - Line up decimals

Step 2 - Add zeros in the spaces

Step 3 - Subtract - Regroup if necessary

Example 1

$$3.56 - 1.3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3.56 \\ - 1.30 \\ \hline 2.26 \end{array}$$

Example 2

$$3.8 - 0.95$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3.80 \\ - 0.95 \\ \hline 2.85 \end{array}$$

Example 3

$$12 - 3.8$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 12.0 \\ - 3.8 \\ \hline 8.2 \end{array}$$

If you have
a whole #,
put a decimal
after the #

For example $7 = 7.0$