

## Home Link 9-5 Trade First Subtraction

**Family Note**

Today your child learned about subtracting multidigit numbers using a procedure called the trade-first method.

The **trade-first** method is similar to the traditional subtraction method that you may be familiar with. However, all the "regrouping" or "borrowing" is done before the problem is solved—which gives the method its name, "trade-first."

**Example:**

longs 10s	cubes 1s
4	6
- 3	9

- ◆ Are there enough tens and ones to remove exactly 3 tens and 9 ones from 46? (*No; there are enough tens, but there aren't enough ones.*)

- ◆ Trade 1 ten for 10 ones.

longs 10s	cubes 1s
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- ◆ Solve. 3 tens minus 3 tens leaves 0 tens. 16 ones minus 9 ones leaves 7 ones. The answer is 7.

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Use the trade-first method of subtraction to solve each problem.

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