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In Grade 5, you are using different strategies to solve subtraction problems efficiently.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3,726 \\ - 1,584 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Subtracting in Parts

Tamira solved this problem by subtracting 1,584 in parts.

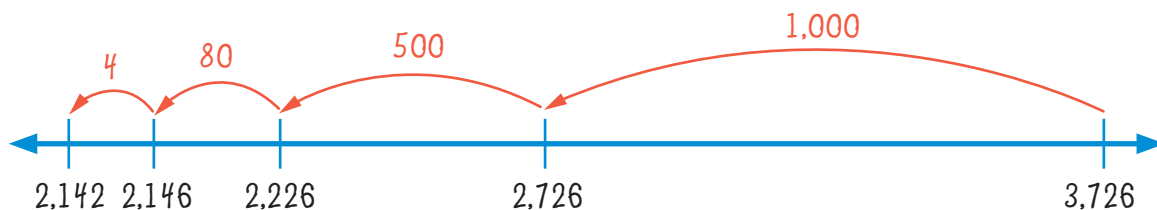
Tamira's solution

$$\begin{array}{r} 3,726 \\ - 1,000 \\ \hline 2,726 \\ - 500 \\ \hline 2,226 \\ - 80 \\ \hline 2,146 \\ - 4 \\ \hline \mathbf{2,142} \end{array}$$



I started at 3,726 and jumped back 1,584 in four parts: 1,000, then 500, then 80, and then 4. I landed on 2,142. The answer is the place where I landed.

$$3,726 - 1,584 = \mathbf{2,142}$$



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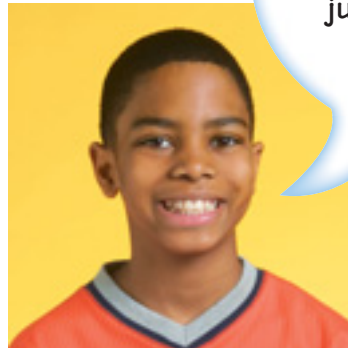
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Adding Up

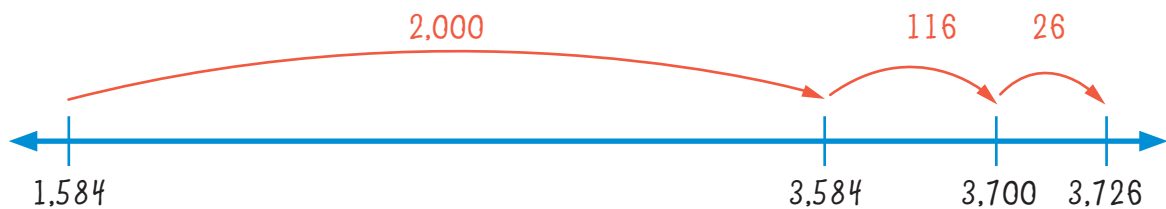
Felix added up from 1,584.

Felix's solution

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,584 + \underline{\quad\quad} = 3,726 \\ 1,584 + 2,000 = 3,584 \\ 3,584 + 116 = 3,700 \\ 3,700 + \underline{26} = 3,726 \\ \mathbf{2,142} \end{array}$$



The answer is the total of all the jumps from 1,584 up to 3,726.

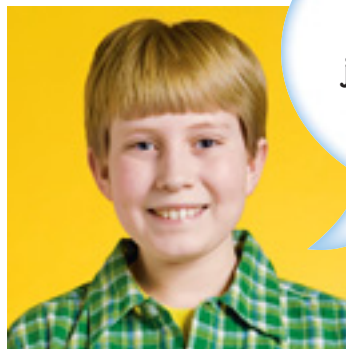


Subtracting Back

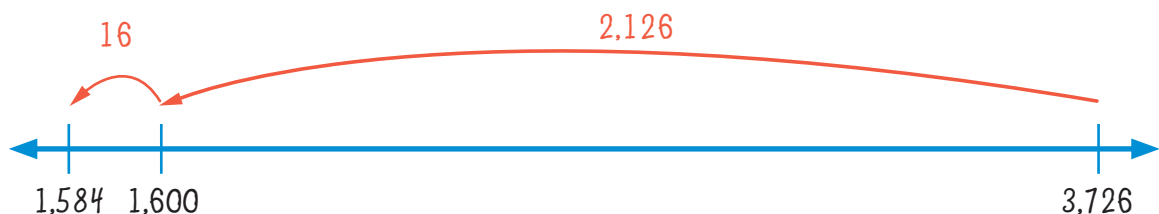
Walter used a subtracting back strategy.

Walter's solution

$$\begin{array}{r} 3,726 - 1,584 = \underline{\quad\quad} \\ 3,726 - 2,126 = 1,600 \\ 1,600 - \underline{16} = 1,584 \\ \mathbf{2,142} \end{array}$$



The answer is the total of the two jumps from 3,726 back to 1,584.



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Changing the Numbers

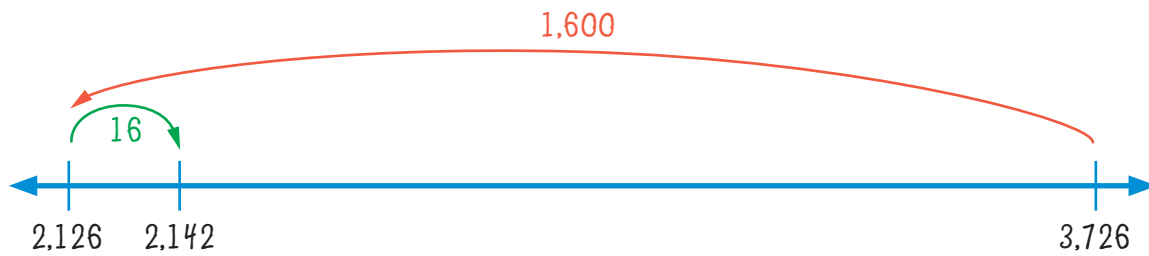
Hana solved the problem by changing one number and adjusting the answer.

Hana's solution

$$\begin{aligned} 3,726 - 1,600 &= 2,126 \\ 2,126 + 16 &= \mathbf{2,142} \end{aligned}$$



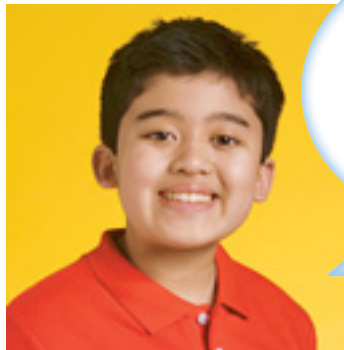
I subtracted 1,600 instead of 1,584. I subtracted too much, so I added 16 back on.



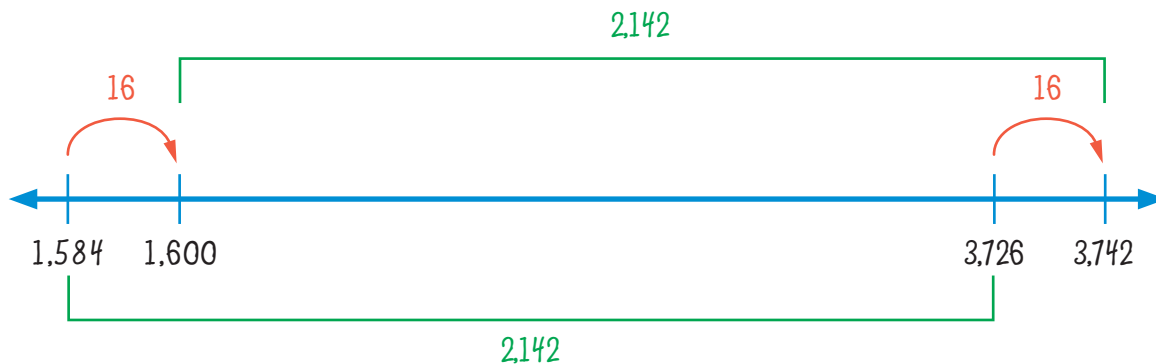
Joshua solved the problem by creating an equivalent problem.

Joshua's solution

$$\begin{aligned} 3,726 - 1,584 &= \\ (+16) \quad (+16) & \\ 3,742 - 1,600 &= \mathbf{2,142} \end{aligned}$$



I added 16 to each number. For me, 1,600 is easier to subtract.



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Subtracting by Place

Yumiko subtracted by place. She combined positive and negative results to find her answer.

Yumiko's solution

$$\begin{array}{r} 3,726 \\ - 1,584 \\ \hline 2 \\ - 60 \\ 200 \\ \hline 2,000 \\ \hline 2,142 \end{array}$$

This notation shows each step in Yumiko's solution.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3,000 + 700 + 20 + 6 \\ - (1,000 + 500 + 80 + 4) \\ \hline 2,000 + 200 + -60 + 2 = 2,142 \end{array}$$

Avery subtracted by place, using the U.S. algorithm.

Avery's solution

$$\begin{array}{r} \overset{6}{3,7}26 \\ - 1,584 \\ \hline 2,142 \end{array}$$

This notation shows each step in Avery's solution.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3,000 + \overset{600}{\cancel{700}} + \overset{100}{20} + 6 \\ - (1,000 + 500 + 80 + 4) \\ \hline 2,000 + 100 + 40 + 2 = 2,142 \end{array}$$



How would you solve the problem $3,726 - 1,584$?