

Rules for Subtraction

1. Line up your decimal points.
2. Add 0s after the decimal point so that all of the numbers have the same number of places after the decimal.
3. Subtract as you would with whole numbers.
4. Just move the decimal point down into your answer.

Rules for Subtraction - Example

1. Line up your decimal points.

$$\begin{array}{r} 65.3 \\ - 42.45 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

2. Add 0s after the decimal point so that all of the numbers have the same number of places after the decimal.

$$\begin{array}{r} 65.30 \\ - 42.45 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Rules for Subtraction - Example

3. Subtract as you would with whole numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r} 65.30 \\ - 42.45 \\ \hline 22.85 \end{array}$$

4. Keep the decimal point in your answer in the same spot as in you problem.

$$\begin{array}{r} 65.30 \\ - 42.45 \\ \hline 22.85 \end{array}$$