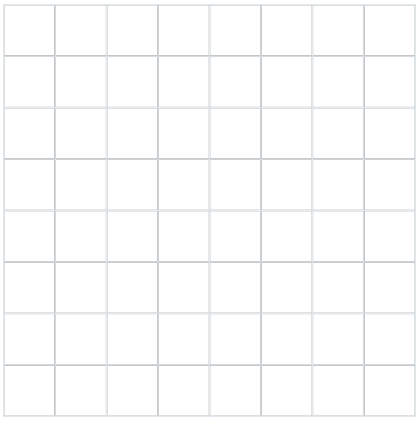
Year 1 - Subtraction — Lesson Guide

Step 1

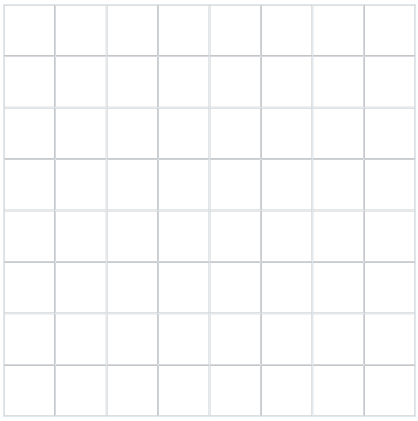
13 – 5 = ☐



The minus sign tells us to take away 5 from 13. There will be fewer than 13 left. We circle the minus sign.

Step 2

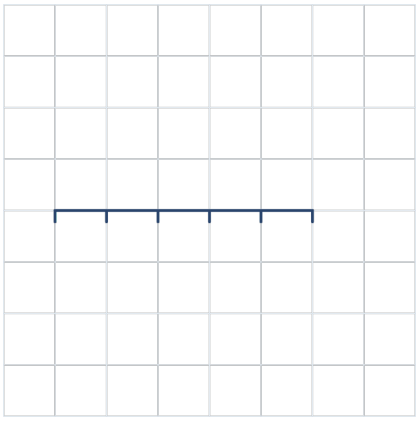
13 – 5 = ☐



We’re taking away 5, so we count back 5. Each jump takes us one number to the left.

Step 3

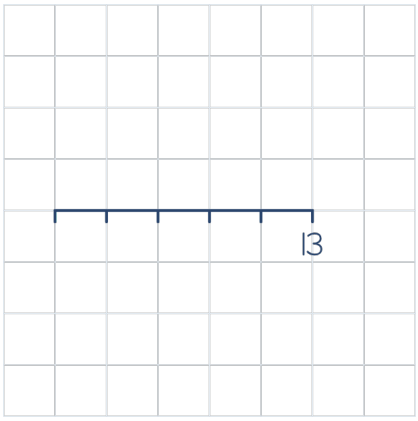
13 – 5 = ☐



Draw a straight line and make a mark at the right end for the start. Make 5 equal spaces to the left, with a mark at the end of each space. Each space is one jump.

Step 4

13 – 5 = ☐

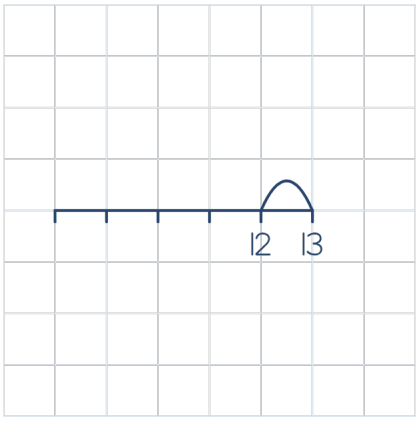


Remember: Count the jumps, without counting the starting number as a jump.

Write 13 under the right end. That's our starting number.

Step 5

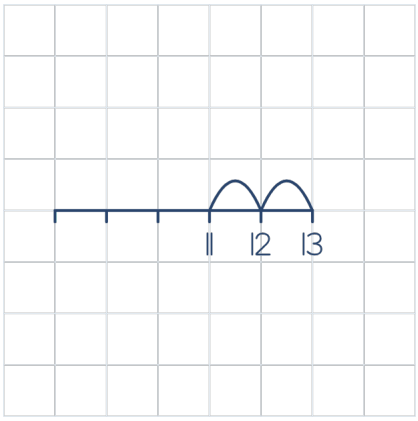
13 – 5 = ☐



The first jump takes us from 13 to 12.

Step 6

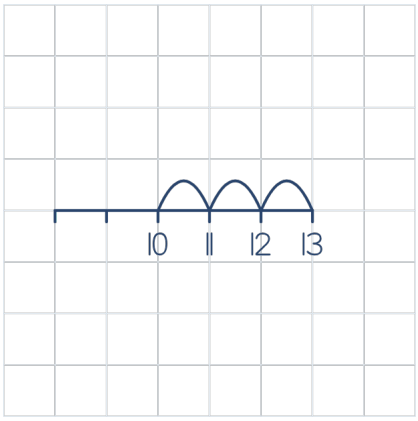
13 – 5 = ☐



The next jump takes us from 12 to 11.

Step 7

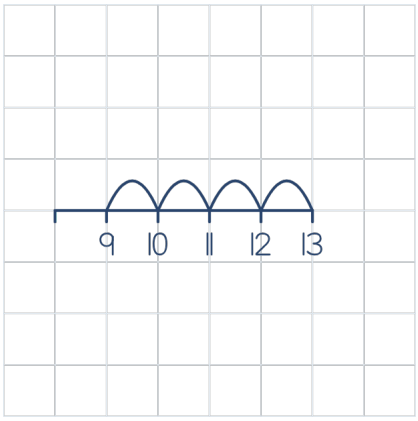
13 – 5 = ☐



The next jump takes us from 11 to 10.

Step 8

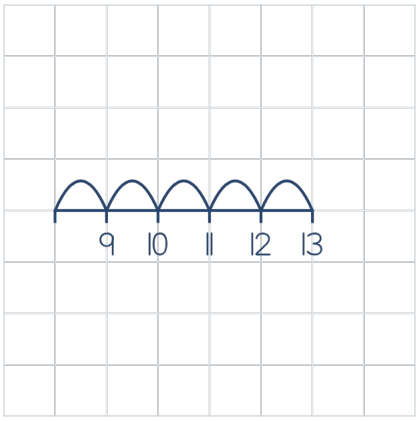
13 – 5 = ☐



The next jump takes us from 10 to 9.

Step 9

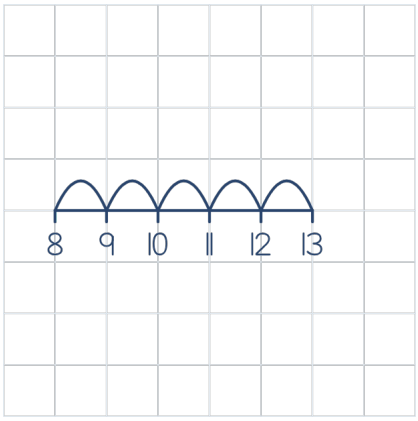
13 – 5 = ☐



The next jump takes us from 9 to 8.

Step 10

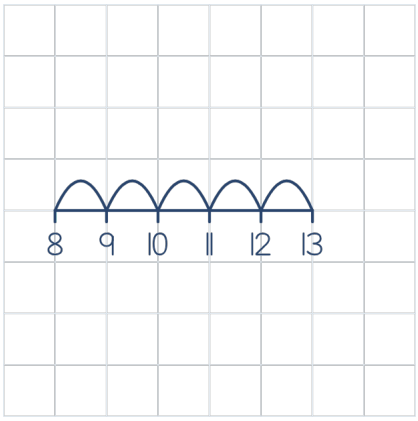
13 – 5 = ☐



Write 8 under the place where we land.

Step 11

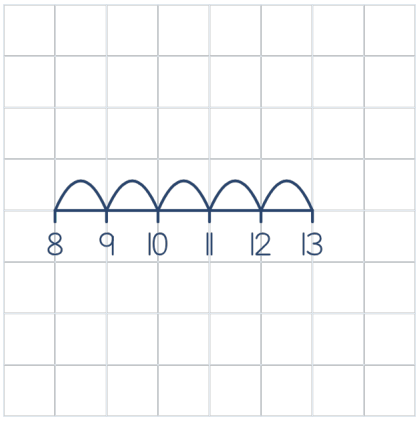
13 – 5 = ☐



Check the number line. There should be 5 jumps to the left, one space for each jump.

Step 12

13 – 5 = **8**



We started at 13 and counted back 5. We landed on 8. Write 8 in the answer box. 13 take away 5 leaves 8.