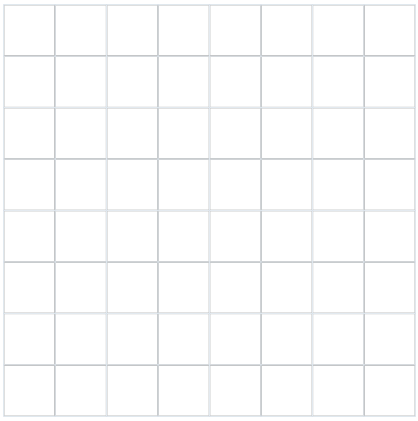
# Year 2 - Single Digit Subtraction — Lesson Guide

## Step 1

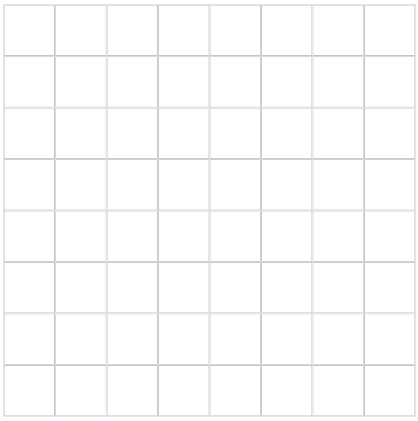
**13 – 4 =** ☐



The minus sign tells us to take away. When we take something away, the number gets smaller. We circle the minus sign.

## Step 2

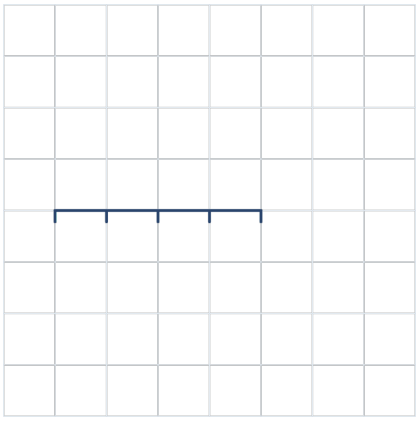
**13 – 4 =** ☐



A number line helps us see each step as we count back. Each jump moves us one number to the left.

## Step 3

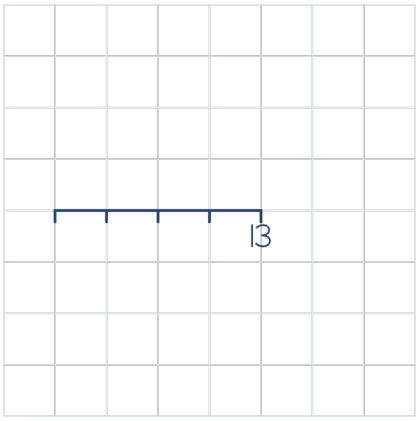
**13 – 4 =** ☐



Draw a number line with one space for each jump.

### Step 4

**13 – 4 =** ☐




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

We write 13 under the right end. We start counting with the first jump.

### Step 5

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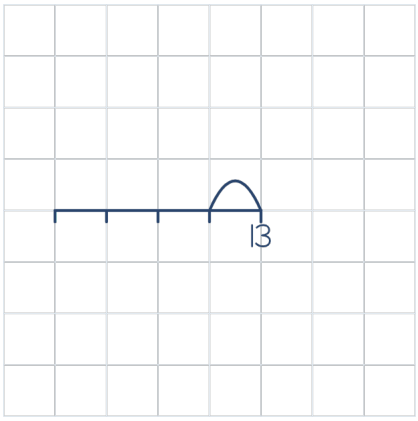


Jump 1 takes us from 13 to 12.

### Step 6

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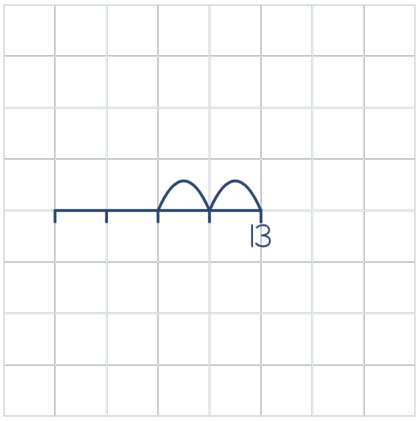


Jump 2 takes us from 12 to 11.

**Step 7**

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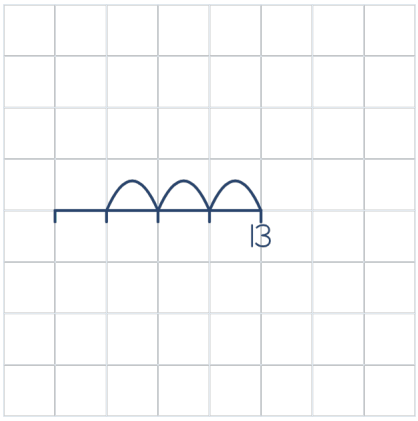


Jump 3 takes us from 11 to 10.

**Step 8**

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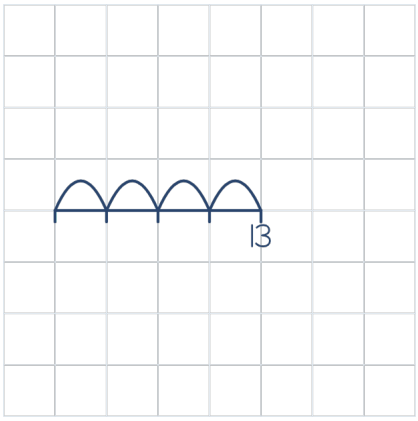


Jump 4 takes us from 10 to 9.

**Step 9**

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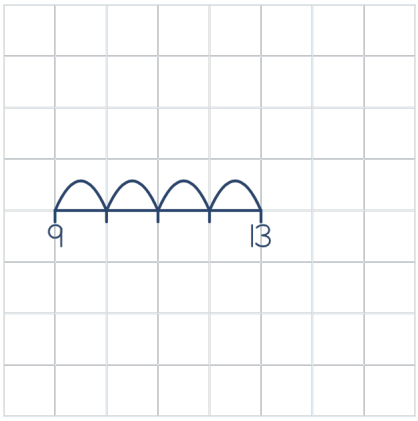
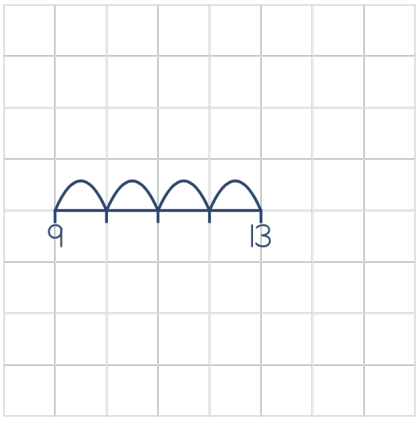



We landed on 9. Write 9 under the last mark, where the fourth jump ends.

**Step 10**

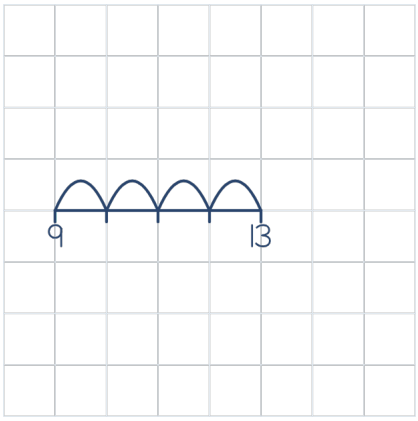
**13 – 4 =** ☐




Now, we check that we started at 13, made exactly 4 jumps left and finished at 9. We count the jumps, without counting the starting number as a jump.

**Step 11**

**13 – 4 = 9**




The difference is 9. Copy 9 into the answer box. Make sure you copy the answer correctly.