



Addition and Subtraction

CAPS: Grade 4, Term 3

Numbers, Operations and Relationships

Addition and Subtraction: numbers of at least 4 digits.

Note

To add and subtract 4-digit numbers we need to understand the place value of a 4-digit number.

Thousands (Th)	Hundreds (H)	Tens (T)	Units(U)
4	1	6	2

This number is four thousand, one hundred and sixty-two, 4 162

Always check your answers. Remember when you subtract your answer gets smaller.

Activity 1

Add the following 4-digit numbers. Make sure you place the numbers in their correct columns.

Example

Th	H	T	U	
		1	1	
3	2	5	9	(add the columns. 9+1= 10, record 0, carry 1 group of 10. Repeat with T, H, Th)
+	2	4	8	
1	7	9	0	

a

5	6	4	3
+	4	3	8

b

6	8	4	1
+	1	1	2

c

2	3	5	1
+	3	2	1

d

4	7	0	1
+	1	8	2

e

2	1	2	1
+	2	3	7

f

7	1	2	2
+	1	0	0

g

3	2	6	1
+	1	2	2

h

5	5	7	6
+	2	0	9

i

6	6	8	3
+	2	7	9

j

3	2	4	1
+	3	4	1

k

2	0	2	9
+	5	2	7

l

4	9	0	1
+	1	1	2



Activity 2

Subtract the following 4-digit numbers. Make sure you place the numbers in their correct columns.

Example

T	H	T	U	
2	1	1		
3	2	5	9	(when you subtract take a group from the next place value, if needed.)
-	2	4	8	
1	7	7	8	

a 5 6 5 3
 - 3 3 2 9

b 6 8 5 1
 - 2 3 2 7

c 4 1 5 2
 - 1 2 1 8

d 9 9 0 1
 - 3 4 2 3

e 8 2 2 2
 - 4 3 7 1

f 7 8 2 1
 - 5 0 9 6

g 2 2 6 8
 - 1 3 2 9

h 9 8 0 2
 - 3 5 0 0

i 7 6 5 0
 - 3 3 2 9

j 4 0 5 1
 - 2 3 2 7

k 3 6 5 0
 - 1 2 1 8

l 1 0 0 0
 - 9 9 0

m 9 3 2 0
 - 4 0 0 0

n 6 7 0 0
 - 5 0 4 1

o 2 0 0 0
 - 1 4 2 8

p 9 9 0 0
 - 3 0 0 0

Teacher Tip

Use everyday life objects or counting blocks to show learners what happens when they add and subtract.

