

## Subtraction Puzzle

### Why do this?

You can help your child to recall the subtraction basic facts up to 20.

### What you need:

Subtraction Puzzle board. You can print this or make your own.

### What to do:

Cut out the puzzle and give the pieces to your child.

Ask your child to arrange the pieces back into the 3 by 3 grid so that sides of the touching pieces match.

For example, 11 - 4 needs to match 7.

Two hints you may wish to give your child:

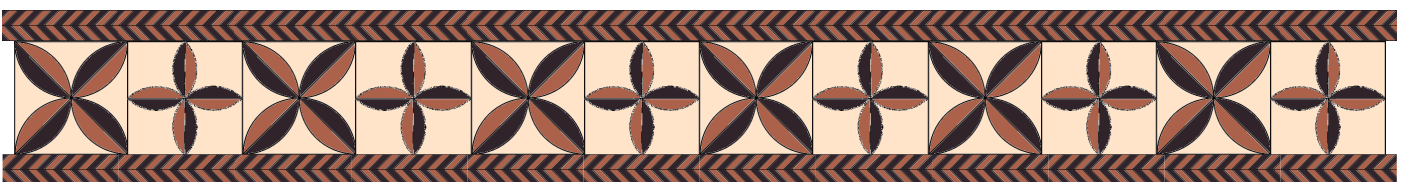
1. When the puzzle is complete none of the pieces will be orientated so the numbers are upside down.
2. The piece with 2 blank sides can go in the top left corner of the puzzle.

### What to expect your child to do:

- To use their subtraction basic facts to solve the puzzle.

### Variation:

Make your own puzzle. Puzzles where every fact has a different answer are easier to solve.



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$7 - 6$  $15 - \overline{6}$	$16$  $\overline{9} - 5$  $13 - 5$	$17$  $8$  $8 - 3$  $20 - 5$
$14$  $17 - 4$  $9 - \overline{6}$	$4$  $3$  $16 - 6$  $11 - 4$	$5$  $7$  $17 - 5$  $17 - 3$
$11$  $13$  $14 - 2$  $19 - \overline{1}$	$12$  $10$  $18 - 2$  $12 - \overline{6}$	$12$  $6$  $20 - 3$  $19 - 8$