

Year 5 Unit 5b Activity Sheet

We can explain each step when we write subtraction calculations in columns using the compact method with whole numbers and up to two places of decimals

Ask your child to set these out using the compact method to subtract them. Some of the calculations will require the top number to be partitioned in order to subtract the bottom number. This is called decomposition.

Although there are decimals in the numbers, we complete the subtraction in the normal way.

The one thing we need to be careful to do is to make sure that the decimal points are in a vertical line with each other. This will ensure we have all the numbers in the right columns.

$$3.49 - 1.84$$

$$9.73 - 3.49$$

$$293.44 - 237.98$$

$$484.33 - 12.6$$

$$39.4 - 4.68$$

$$484.5 - 99.7$$

$$843.2 - 48.77$$