

Subtracting Fractions (Same Denominator) — Cheat Sheet

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SUBTRACTING FRACTIONS (SAME DENOMINATOR)

1. Check the denominators are the same.
2. Subtract the numerators.
3. Keep the denominator the same.
4. Simplify if you can.

Example: $\frac{7}{8} - \frac{2}{8} = \frac{5}{8}$ · $\frac{5}{8} - \frac{3}{8} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$

Top number changes. Bottom number stays the same.