



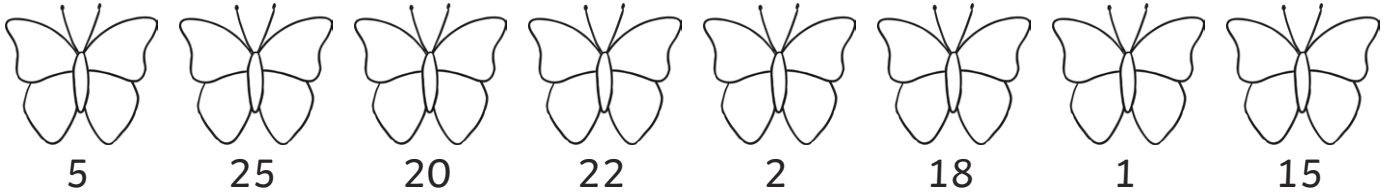
The Butterfly House

I can decide whether to find the difference between 2 numbers or subtract.



1. Work with a partner and choose 2 numbers to compare. One person finds the difference between the 2 numbers and the other person subtracts one from the other. Which is quicker?

Record the numbers on your **Difference or Subtract? Activity Sheet**. Look at the numbers and explain what you notice.



2. Use what you have noticed to compare the price of the children's ice creams. Will you find the difference or subtract?



Ben: 30p



Haleema: 5p



Anna: 34p



Cho: 40p

a. Ben and Anna: _____

d. Anna and Cho: _____

b. Ben and Cho: _____

e. Anna and Haleema: _____

c. Ben and Haleema: _____

f. Cho and Haleema: _____



Answers

1. Children may notice that it is quicker to find the difference between numbers which are close together, whereas it is quicker to subtract when taking a small number away from a larger number.

E.g.

The difference between 18 and 20 is 2.

$$20 - 2 = 18.$$

2.
 - a. 4p
 - b. 10p
 - c. 25p
 - d. 6p
 - e. 29p
 - f. 35p



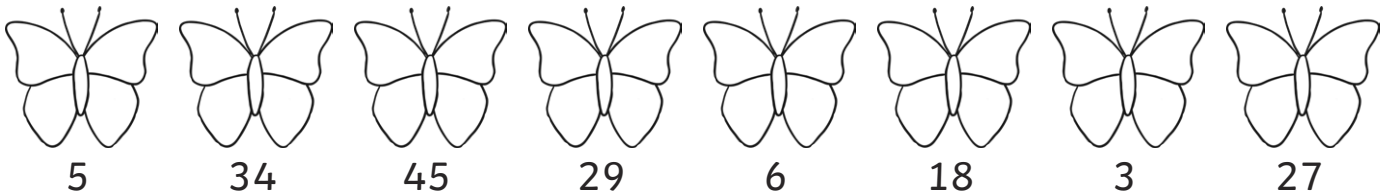
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Ben: 45p



Haleema: 8p



Anna: 39p



Cho: 67p

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Answers

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E.g.

The difference between 5 and 6 is 1.

$$45 - 6 = 39.$$

2. a. *6p*
b. *22p*
c. *37p*
d. *28p*
e. *31p*
f. *59p*



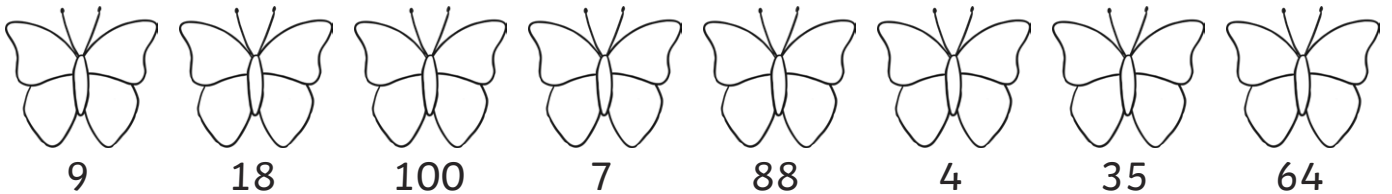
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Ben: 62p



Haleema: 7p



Anna: 54p



Cho: 48p

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1. Children may notice that it is quicker to find the difference between numbers which are close together, whereas it is quicker to subtract when taking a small number away from a larger number.

E.g.

The difference between 88 and 100 is 12.

$$100 - 7 = 93.$$

2. a. *8p*
b. *14p*
c. *55p*
d. *6p*
e. *47p*
f. *41p*