

— Class 6 Integer Subtraction Drill by Thinking Juggernaut —

Master Subtracting Positive & Negative Numbers!

 CBSE Aligned Time: 45 minutes Total: 40 Questions Marks: 40

How to Use This Drill Sheet

What is a Drill? A drill is focused practice to build speed and accuracy! Like practicing scales on a piano or dribbling in basketball, integer drills help you master the basics. 🎯

Instructions:

- Set a timer for 45 minutes
- Solve all 40 problems as quickly AND accurately as possible
- Show your work for complex problems
- Remember: Subtracting a negative = Adding a positive!
- Use the number line strategy if you get stuck
- Check your answers at the end
- Aim for 100% accuracy, then work on speed

Integer Subtraction Rules - Master These!

Rule 1: Positive - Positive

Example: $8 - 5 = 3$

Example: $3 - 7 = -4$

Just subtract normally. If result is negative, write the negative sign.

Rule 2: Positive - Negative

Example: $8 - (-5) = 8 + 5 = 13$

Example: $3 - (-7) = 3 + 7 = 10$

Two negatives make a positive! Change subtraction to addition.

Rule 3: Negative - Positive

Example: $-8 - 5 = -8 + (-5) = -13$

Example: $-3 - 7 = -3 + (-7) = -10$

Add the negative number. Going more negative!

Rule 4: Negative - Negative

Example: $-8 - (-5) = -8 + 5 = -3$

Example: $-3 - (-7) = -3 + 7 = 4$

Change to addition, then add the positive number.

Golden Rule: $a - b = a + (-b)$

Subtracting any number is the same as adding its opposite!

Examples:

- $7 - 3 = 7 + (-3) = 4$
- $7 - (-3) = 7 + 3 = 10$
- $-7 - 3 = -7 + (-3) = -10$
- $-7 - (-3) = -7 + 3 = -4$

Section A: Warm-Up Drills (10 Questions - 1 mark each)

Easy Level - Build Your Foundation!

1. $12 - 7 =$

2. $15 - 9 =$

3. $8 - 3 =$

4. $20 - 15 =$

5. $5 - 8 =$

6. $3 - 10 =$

7. $0 - 6 =$

8. $14 - 14 =$

9. $25 - 18 =$

10. $11 - 15 =$

Section B: Practice Drills - Negative Numbers (15 Questions - 1 mark each)

Medium Level - Challenge Yourself!

11. $7 - (-3) =$

12. $10 - (-5) =$

13. $-8 - 4 =$

14. $-12 - 7 =$

15. $-5 - (-5) =$

16. $-9 - (-3) =$

17. $6 - (-8) =$

18. $-15 - 10 =$

19. $0 - (-7) =$

20. $-20 - (-15) =$

21. $12 - (-6) =$

22. $-7 - (-10) =$

23. $-3 - 9 =$

24. $4 - (-11) =$

25. $-18 - (-8) =$

Section C: Advanced Drills - Multi-Step (15 Questions - 1 mark each)

Challenge Level - Become a Master!

26. $-25 - (-12) =$

27. $30 - (-18) =$

28. $-40 - 25 =$

29. $-16 - (-30) =$

30. $22 - (-22) =$

31. $-50 - (-50) =$

32. $-33 - 17 =$

33. $45 - (-27) =$

34. $-19 - (-19) =$

35. $100 - (-50) =$

36. $-75 - 25 =$

37. $-88 - (-44) =$

38. $64 - (-36) =$

39. $-55 - (-80) =$

40. $-100 - (-100) =$

Example 1: $7 - (-3)$

Step 1: Identify the rule - Positive minus Negative

Step 2: Change subtraction to addition: $7 - (-3) = 7 + 3$

Step 3: Add: $7 + 3 = 10$

Answer: 10

Example 2: $-15 - 8$

Step 1: Identify the rule - Negative minus Positive

Step 2: Change to addition of negative: $-15 - 8 = -15 + (-8)$

Step 3: Add the negatives: $-15 + (-8) = -23$

Answer: -23

Example 3: $-12 - (-20)$

Step 1: Identify the rule - Negative minus Negative



Step 2: Change to addition: $-12 - (-20) = -12 + 20$

Step 3: Start at -12, move 20 steps right: $-12 + 20 = 8$

Answer: 8

Number Line Strategy

Remember:

- Subtraction = Moving LEFT on the number line 
- But subtracting a negative = Moving RIGHT! 

... -5 — -4 — -3 — -2 — -1 — 0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 ...

Total Marks: 40

- 🏆 Integer Master: 36-40 marks (Perfect or near-perfect!)
- ★ Integer Expert: 31-35 marks (Excellent work!)
- 👍 Integer Pro: 26-30 marks (Very good!)
- 📖 Developing: 21-25 marks (Keep practicing!)
- 🔍 Needs Practice: Below 21 marks (Review the rules and try again!)

🕒 Speed Challenge Goals:

- Beginner:** Complete in 45 minutes with 80%+ accuracy
- Intermediate:** Complete in 30 minutes with 85%+ accuracy
- Advanced:** Complete in 20 minutes with 90%+ accuracy
- Master Level:** Complete in 15 minutes with 95%+ accuracy



Answer Key

Section A: Warm-Up Drills (1-10)

1.

5

2.

6

3.

5

4.

5

5.

-3

6.

-7

7.

-6

8.

0

9.

7

10.

-4

Section B: Practice Drills (11-25)

11.

10

12.

15

13.

-12

14.

-19

15.
0

16.
-6

17.
14

18.
-25

19.
7

20.
-5

21.
18

22.
3

23.
-12

24.
15

25.
-10

Section C: Advanced Drills (26-40)

26.
-13

27.
48

28.
-65

29.
14

30.
44

31.
0

32.
-50

33.
72

34.
0

35.
150

36.
-100

37.
-44

38.
100

39.
25

40.
0



Detailed Solutions for Tricky Problems

Q11: $7 - (-3) = ?$

Step 1: Subtracting a negative = Adding a positive

Step 2: $7 - (-3) = 7 + 3 = 10$

Q13: $-8 - 4 = ?$

Step 1: Negative minus positive = Add more negative

Step 2: $-8 - 4 = -8 + (-4) = -12$

Q16: $-9 - (-3) = ?$

Step 1: Negative minus negative = Add positive

Step 2: $-9 - (-3) = -9 + 3 = -6$

Think: Start at -9, move 3 steps right to -6

Q29: $-16 - (-30) = ?$

Step 1: Negative minus negative = Add positive

Step 2: $-16 - (-30) = -16 + 30 = 14$

The positive number is bigger, so result is positive!





Q35: $100 - (-50) = ?$

Step 1: Positive minus negative = Add positive

Step 2: $100 - (-50) = 100 + 50 = 150$

Remember: Two negatives always make a positive!

Tips to Master Integer Subtraction

- **Practice Daily:** Do 10-15 problems every day to build automatic recall 
- **Use the "Add the Opposite" Rule:** Always convert subtraction to addition - it makes everything easier!
- **Visualize a Number Line:** Mentally see yourself moving left or right on the number line
- **Check Your Signs:** Before calculating, identify if you're dealing with $--(-)$, $--(+)$, $(-)(+)$, or $(+)--(+)$
- **Common Mistakes to Avoid:**
 -  Don't forget to change the sign when subtracting negatives
 -  Don't mix up "minus a negative" with "minus a positive"
 -  Don't rush - accuracy first, then speed

- ✗ Don't forget that subtracting is the same as adding the opposite

🎉 Great Job Completing This Drill! 🎉

Practice makes perfect - keep drilling and you'll master integers!

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