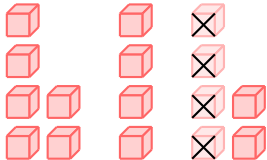# SUBTRACTION WITHIN 10

A WHAT IS SUBTRACTING?

Definition Subtraction

Subtraction means taking something away. When we subtract, we find out how many are left.

- The $-$ symbol means "subtract."
- The $=$ symbol shows that the two sides are the same.

We can represent subtraction as:

- **Numbers**: $8 - 5 = 3$

- **Cubes**:

- **Fingers**:

- **Words**: eight minus five equals three

B HOW TO SUBTRACT?

Method Using the fingers

We want to find out what $8 - 2$ is. Let's use our fingers!

- **Hold** up 8 fingers:

- **Put down** 2 fingers:

  1.

  2.

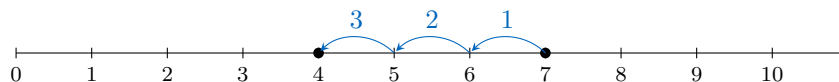- **Count** how many fingers are still up: 6

So, $8 - 2 = 6$.

C SUBTRACTING USING THE NUMBER LINE

Method Subtracting using the Number Line

We want to find $7 - 3$.

- Place a marker on 7.
- Move 3 steps backward.

So, $7 - 3 = 4$.