

SUBTRACTION

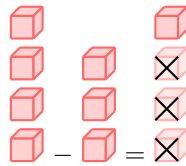
A WHAT IS SUBTRACTING?

Discover: Have you ever given away some of your toys or candies to a friend? When you do that, you're subtracting! Let's see: if you have 4 cubes, and you give 3 cubes to your friend, how many cubes do you have left?



Answer: Now you have 1 cube left! In math, we write it like this:

$$4 - 3 = 1$$



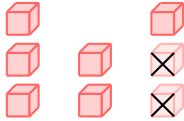
Definition Subtraction

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:** $4 - 3 = 1$



- **Cubes:** 


- **Fingers:** 

- **Words:** four minus three equals one

B HOW TO SUBTRACT?

Method Using the fingers

We want to find out what $5 - 2$ is. Let's use our fingers!

- **Hold** up 5 fingers: 
- **Put down** 2 fingers:



- **Count** how many fingers are still up: 3

So, $5 - 2 = 3$.