

SUBTRACTION

A WHAT IS SUBTRACTING?

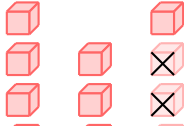
Definition Subtraction

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:** $4 - 3 = 1$



- **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, $5 - 2 = 3$.