

## Subtraction of Decimals

**EXAMPLE**  $3.63 - 0.734 =$

Write this: 
$$\begin{array}{r} 3.630 \leftarrow \text{Insert a zero here.} \\ - .734 \\ \hline 2.896 \end{array}$$

**EXAMPLE**  $8 - 0.631 =$

Write this: 
$$\begin{array}{r} 8.000 \leftarrow \text{Insert zeros here.} \\ - .631 \\ \hline 7.369 \end{array}$$

**Helpful Hints**

- a) Remember to fill places in the minuend and subtrahend with zeros when necessary.
- b) Remember to keep the decimal points lined up.

**Directions** Insert zeros and subtract.

**1.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 34.3 \\ - 5.64 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**5.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 48.22 \\ - 3.489 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**9.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 5.602 \\ - 4.0498 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**13.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ - .0234 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**2.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ - .349 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**6.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 39.4 \\ - .0371 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**10.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 81.923 \\ - 23.9047 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**14.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 74.73 \\ - 5.332 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**3.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 7.302 \\ - .83 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**7.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ - 3.4005 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**11.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 38 \\ - .0273 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**15.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 7465.2 \\ - .9098 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**4.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 5.1 \\ - 1.204 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**8.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 356.748 \\ - 7.8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**12.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ - .9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**16.** 
$$\begin{array}{r} 37 \\ - 8.394 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**Directions** Write these in the vertical form and subtract.

**17.**  $23.4 - 4.56 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**21.**  $82 - 2.302 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**18.**  $4 - 0.48 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**22.**  $38.809 - 7.7081 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**19.**  $63.2 - 4.509 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**23.**  $9 - 3.4051 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**20.**  $16 - 1.34 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**24.**  $0.983 - 0.01023 =$  \_\_\_\_\_