| Stage Name | Examples | Recording Method |
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| Practical Activities | Find 1 less <br> Take away within ten. | Could be recorded through photographs. <br> Teachers Observations and notes. |
| Pictorial Representations Count back and physically take objects away. | There are 10 children. One goes out. How many are left? <br> We made 6 mince pies. We ate <br> 2. How many mince pies are left? | Mostly pictorial representations: $x \times x \times x$ <br> Concrete apparatus models 6 objects 'take away' 2 objects. <br> Written digits to represent objects. |
| Counting up (finding the difference) <br> This is a mental method which uses a number line for jottings. | How many less than 28 is 12 ? <br> What is the difference between 34 and 72 ? | Number lines: 22-7= |
| Counting back on a number line or 100 square. | 4 take away 2 <br> Take 2 away from 7 <br> 7 less than 22 | Number lines: 22-7= <br> The answer is 15 |
| Compact Vertical | 750 take 255 3500 subtract 2050 <br> How much less than 6.8 is 4.2 ? <br> Decrease 5.2 by 1.9 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 6867-2634 \\ & 6867 \\ & -2634 \\ & \hline 4233 \end{aligned}$ |
| Compact vertical with exchanging and decimals. | $627-135=$ | $\begin{array}{r} 512 \\ 627 \\ -135 \\ \hline 492 \end{array}$ |
| Subtracting fractions with the same denominator | 4/6-1/6 = | Just subtract the numerator: <br> $4-1=3 \quad 4 / 6-1 / 6=3 / 6$ <br> $3 / 6=1 / 2 \quad$ Cancel down |
| Subtracting fractions with a different denominator | $3 / 5-2 / 10=$ | Find a common dominator: $6 / 10-2 / 10=4 / 10$ <br> $4 / 10=2 / 5 \quad$ Cancel down |

