## Expand-andTrade Subtraction

## Family Note

In this lesson your child subtracted multidigit numbers using expand-and-trade subtraction. Instead of using base-10 blocks, your child used expanded form to think about making trades. Your child continued to use ballpark estimates to check whether answers made sense.

Example: $62-36=$ ?

- Write a number sentence to show a ballpark estimate: $60-40=20$.
- Write each number in expanded form.

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\begin{array}{r}
62 \rightarrow 60+2 \\
-36 \rightarrow 30+6 \\
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\end{array}
$$

- Look at the 10 s and 1s. Can you subtract without making trades? No; so trade 1 ten for 10 ones.

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\begin{aligned}
& 50 \quad 12 \\
62 & \rightarrow 60+\not{ }^{2} \\
-36 & \rightarrow \frac{30+6}{20+6}=26
\end{aligned}
$$

Cross out 60 ( 6 tens) and replace it with 50 ( 5 tens).
Cross out 2 ( 2 ones) and replace it with 12 ( 12 ones). Then subtract.

Add the tens and ones to find the total: $20+6=26$. So $62-36=26$.

- Compare your answer to your estimate: 20 is close to 26 , so 26 is a reasonable answer.

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Use expand-and-trade subtraction to solve. Use a ballpark estimate to check your answer.
(1)
$55-37=?$

Ballpark estimate:

Solution:
(2) $81-28=$ ?

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