A different calculation method will be used in this activity. In addition, estimate answers to the problems before doing the actual calculation. To estimate, round off each number to the nearest 1 000 and subtract.

Example:          1 988 – 1 302 = ☐

1 998≈2 000 and 1 302≈ 1 000

2 000 – 1 000 = 1 000

1 988 – 1 000 = 988

988 -     300 = 688

688 –       2 = 686

The actual answer should be about 1 000.

Break up only the second number and subtract it parts, hundreds, tens then units. What's left is the final answer to the subtraction problem.

**688 – 0 = 688 has been left out.**

The method above will be used to calculate four-digit number calculations.

3 451 – 1 259 = ☐

3 451≈3 000 and 1 259≈ 1 000

3 000 – 1 000 = 2 000

3 451 – 1 000 = 2 451

2 451 –     200 = 2 251

2 251 -       50 = 2 201

1   201 -         9 = 2 192

## Activity 3

1 .Use ANY method to calculate the answers to the following problems. Show all the working out.

a.  7 230 - 5 366 = ☐          d. 3 107 - 2 664 = ☐          g.  4 181 - 3 219 = ☐
b.  9 671 -  8 147 = ☐          e. 6 472 - 4 485 = ☐          h. 2 374 - 1 658 = ☐
c.  2 352 -  1 785 = ☐          f.  7 321 – 6 520 = ☐          i.  9 683 - 7 709 = ☐