Subtract Decimals

Subtract 56.2 − 15.35 = *n*.

Step 1: Write the numbers in a list. Use the decimal points to line them up.	**Step 2:** Subtract as you would whole numbers. Start at the right. Subtract the hundredths first, then the tenths. Regroup as needed.	**Step 3:** Subtract the whole numbers. Place the decimal point in the answer below the decimal points in the problem.
56.**20** −15.35 Write zeros as placeholders so that both numbers have the same number of places after the decimal point.	56.20 −15.35	5 1110 56.20 −15.32 40.85

Subtract. Add or use a calculator to check your answer.

1. 8.7 −3.4

2. 7.1 −6.6

3. 15.51 − 4.38

4. $42.52 − 25.66

5. $5.57 − 2.25

6. 28.1 − 3.04

7. 7.13 −3.94

8. 6 −0.617

9. 45.02 −38.22

10. $62.42 − 24.47

11. 6.4531 −3.8

12. 5 −0.852

13. $12.12 − $6.38   **14.** 6.385 − 3.9   **15.** 4 − 2.97   **16.** 81.61 − 61.8

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Use with text pages 286–288.