



# HELPING AT HOME SUBTRACTION



We use decomposition as a written method for subtraction (see below). Alternative methods may be used for mental calculations.

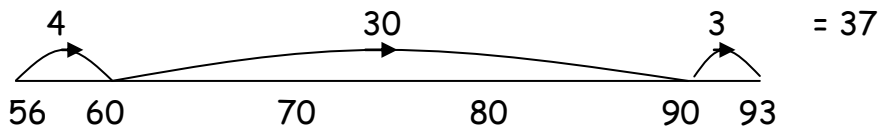
## Mental Strategies

**Example** Calculate  $93 - 56$



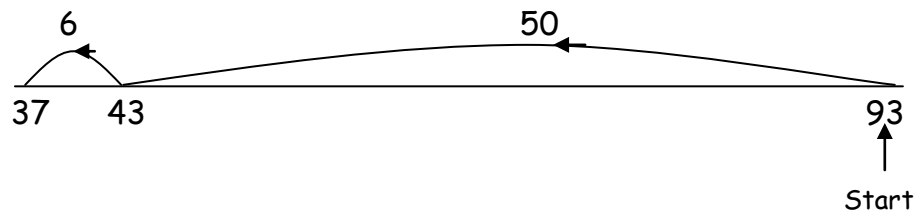
**Method 1** Count on

Count on from 56 until you reach 93. This can be done in several ways  
e.g.



**Method 2** Break up the number being subtracted

e.g. subtract 50, then subtract 6  $93 - 50 = 43$   
 $43 - 6 = 37$



## Written Method

**Example 1**  $4590 - 386$

4	5	<del>9</del> <sup>8</sup>	10
-	3	8	6
4	2	0	4

**Example 2** Subtract 692 from 14597

1	<del>4</del> <sup>3</sup>	5	9	7
-		6	9	2
1	3	9	0	5

We do not  
"borrow and  
pay back".