

Subtracting Mixed Numbers

① Look and see if you can ~~subtract~~ $5 \frac{3}{8} - 2 \frac{1}{8}$
 Subtract the fractions

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \frac{3}{8} \\ - 2 \frac{1}{8} \\ \hline 3 \frac{2}{8} \end{array}$$

② If YES → then subtract fraction parts first, then subtract wholes.

③ If NO → then shift a whole + break it into fraction parts.

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \frac{7}{5} \\ - 3 \frac{4}{5} \\ \hline 2 \frac{3}{5} \end{array}$$

④ Then subtract fraction parts and wholes.