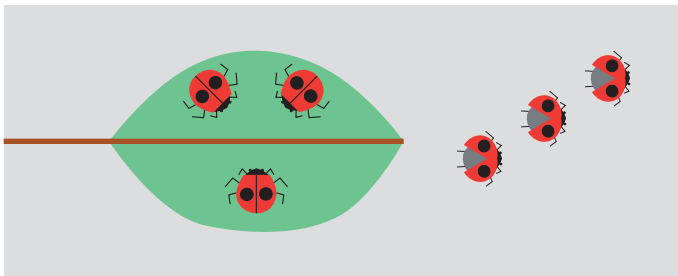


## Home Connection

Number bonds will be used in this chapter to help your child make the connection between addition and subtraction. Children often find subtraction more challenging than addition because of the multiple situations that can be interpreted as subtraction. The following two subtraction situations will be explored in Kindergarten.

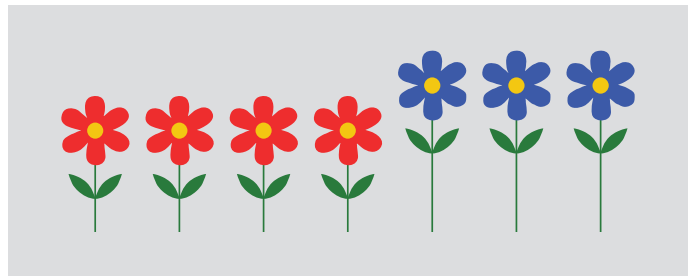
### Subtraction as taking away or leaving.

There were 6 ladybugs and 3 flew away.  
How many ladybugs are left?

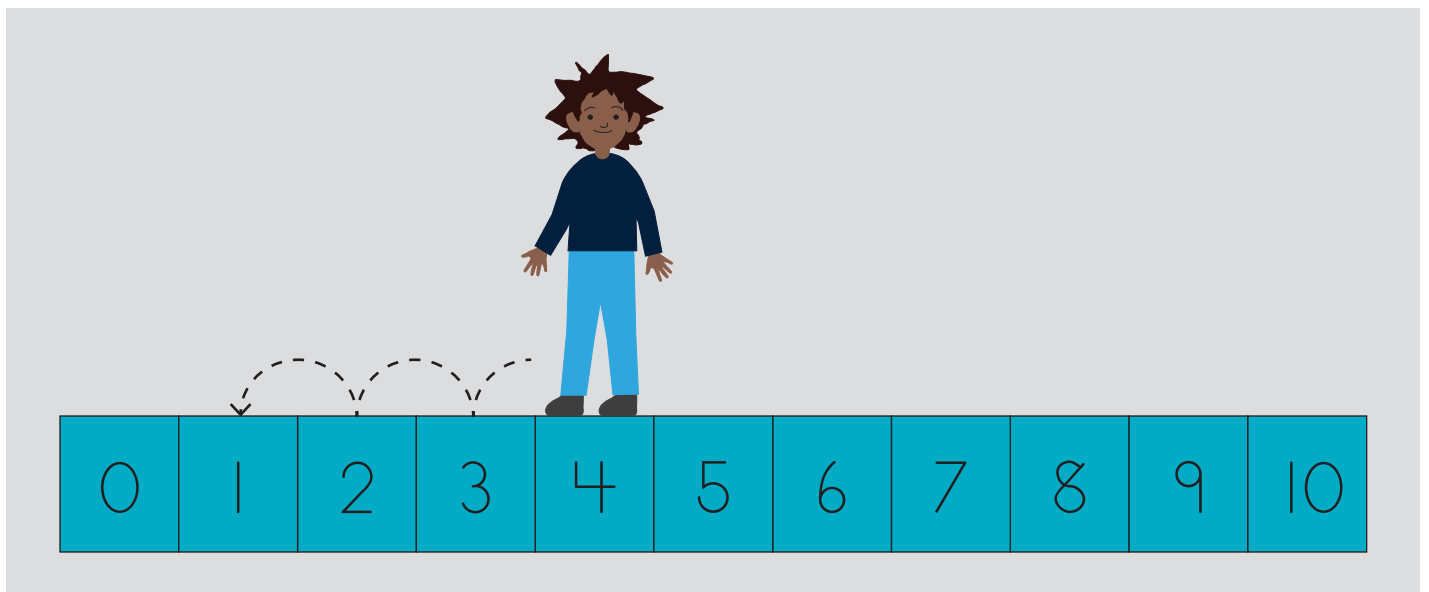


### Subtraction as part of a whole.

There are 7 short and tall flowers.  
If 4 flowers are short, how many are tall?



Your child will learn the strategy of counting back on a number path to subtract. This is an effective strategy for subtracting 1, 2, or 3.



## Math at Home

- Continue practicing for automaticity with number bonds to 10 and if your child is ready, you can extend that by practicing with addition and subtraction sentences to 10.
- Play Under the Cup. Using up to 10 objects and a cup, help your child practice subtraction facts within 10. Count out a set of objects up to 10, then hide some under a cup. Ask your child to determine how many are under the cup based on the part that is showing. For example, if the set includes 8 objects, hide 3 under the cup and leave 5 showing. Your child should be able to determine there are 3 hiding under the cup. You can give your child a number path or a number bond and objects to help him determine the correct answer.
- When shopping engage your child in helping solve real life problems. For example, when shopping for fruit at the grocery store you might say, “We need to buy 5 apples. There are 2 in the bag. How many more do we need?”