

## Section 1.6: SUBTRACTION OF REAL NUMBERS

When you are done with your homework you should be able to...

- $\pi$  Subtract real numbers
- $\pi$  Simplify a series of additions and subtractions
- $\pi$  Use the definition of subtraction to identify terms
- $\pi$  Use the subtraction definition to simplify algebraic expressions
- $\pi$  Solve problems involving subtraction

WARM-UP:

Simplify:

1.  $\frac{1}{2}(2x-7)+3x$

2.  $-(-x+5)+3(2)(5x-1)$

**DEFINITION OF SUBTRACTION**

For all real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ ,

To subtract \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (or additive inverse) of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. The result of subtraction is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

**A PROCEDURE FOR SUBTRACTING REAL NUMBERS**

1. Change the subtraction operation to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Change the \_\_\_\_\_ of the number being \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_.

Example 1: Subtract.

1.  $-16 - (-9)$

3.  $-6 - 32$

2.  $16 - 20$

4.  $10.2 - 0.2 - (-5.1)$

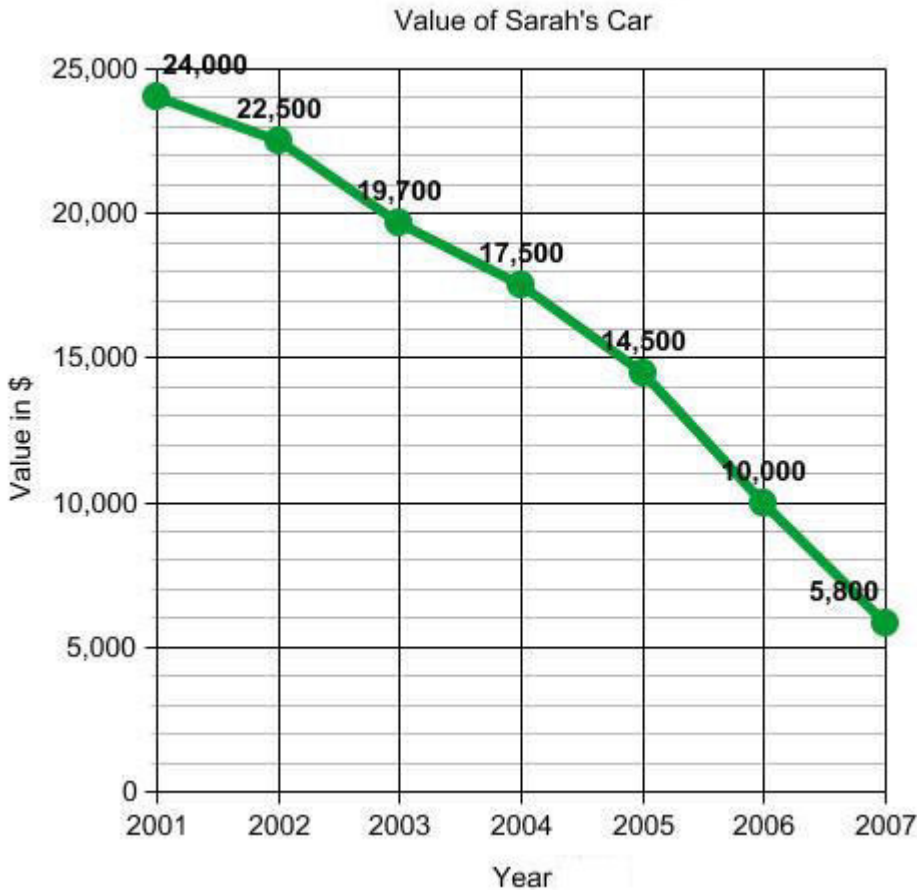
Example 2: Simplify.

1.  $3(4x) - (2x - 21)$

2.  $9x + (x + 5) - 2(x - 11 + 3y)$

**APPLICATIONS**

The line graph below illustrates the value of Sarah's car in dollars from the year 2001 to the year 2007.



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1. How much was Sarah's car worth in 2005?
2. How much more was Sarah's car worth in 2002?