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SUBTRACTION STRATEGIES

Following are the solutions to the word problems given by two of the students in a class. Check their work and write the strategy used under their work. If incorrect, solve it correctly. If solved correctly then solve using a different strategy.

- 1) Todd and Megan solved the following word problem: There are 13 chairs in a classroom. 4 chairs are occupied by the students. How many chairs are empty?
There are 13 chairs in a room. 4 chairs are occupied by the students. How many chairs are empty?

Todd's work

$$13 - 4$$

$$10 \quad 3$$

$$10 - 4 = 6$$

$$6 + 3 = 9$$

Strategy : make 10 ✓

Megan's work

$$13 - 4 = 10$$

Strategy : count on ✗

a)

$$4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 7 \quad 8 \quad 9 \quad 10$$

$$11 \quad 12 \quad 13$$

$$6 + 3 = 9$$

b)

$$= 6$$

$$= 3$$

$$6 + 3 = 9$$