

Subtracting decimals

MODEL THIS ON THE BOARD

9.75 – 4.30 (DECIMAL SUBTRACTION)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 9.75 \\
 - 4.30 \\
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 5.45
 \end{array}$$

- 1 Line the decimal points up. If one number has fewer decimal places, fill with zeros.
- 2 Subtract column by column from the right.
- 3 Bring the decimal point straight down. Answer: **5.45**.

ANSWER KEY

a) $4.50 - 1.75 = 2.75$

Q1: 34.42

b) $0.60 - 0.27 = 0.33$

Q2: 63.31

c) $1.00 - 0.85 = 0.15$

Q3: 41.138

d) $5.005 - 0.999 = 4.006$

Q4: 50.646

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S1: 69.222

S3: 51.42

S2: 39.55