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## Mixed Fraction Subtraction with Like Denominators: Regrouping

Let's take a close look at an example! The following steps will show you how to find the difference of two mixed numbers with regrouping. The visuals will help you "see" this problem.

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

The mixed numbers are represented in this
 visual model.


Step 1 : Decompose the largest mixed number.

$$
3 \frac{1}{5}=1+1+1+\frac{1}{5}
$$

Step 2 : Rename one of the wholes into a fraction.

$$
\begin{array}{r}
1+1+1+\frac{1}{5} \\
\downarrow \\
1+1+\frac{5}{5}+\frac{1}{5}
\end{array}
$$

Step 3 : Add together new wholes and fractions.

$$
1+1+\frac{5}{5}+\frac{1}{5}=2 \frac{6}{5}
$$

Step 4 : Use the renamed mixed number to find the difference.

$$
\begin{array}{r}
2 \frac{6}{5} \\
-2 \frac{2}{5} \\
\hline \frac{4}{5}
\end{array}
$$



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Directions: Subtract the following mixed numbers.

$3 \frac{2}{7}-2 \frac{5}{7}=\square$

$3 \frac{1}{3}-1 \frac{2}{3}=\square$

$3 \frac{1}{4}-2 \frac{2}{4}=\square$

