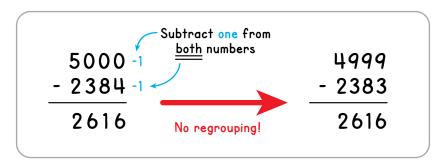
## **Subtract One Strategy:** Subtracting with Zeros

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Subtracting from a number like 10,000 usually means that you will be doing a lot of borrowing across the zeros, all the way down to the one. Try this strategy to see if it seems like a better way to subtract from large numbers ending in multiple zeros.



Using the example 5,000 - 2,384 subtract one from the top number making it 4,999 and the one from the bottom number making it 2,383. Since you are finding the difference, as long as you subtract the same thing from both numbers the difference won't be affected—the answer will still be correct. After subtracting one from both numbers, subtract as usual with no need to borrow. Now you try it.