

Decimals - Subtraction

When you are subtracting decimals write the numbers vertically (remember to keep the highest number in the first line) with decimal points directly under each other, and add zeros when needed, then subtract the digits. When the decimal points are lined up, the digits are automatically lined up in the correct place value and you will not go wrong in calculating. Simple isn't it!

Example: $14.34 - 2.13 = 12.21$

$$\begin{array}{r} 14.34 \\ - 2.13 \\ \hline 12.21 \end{array}$$

First write the problem vertically and then line up the decimal points. Remember to always write the highest number on the top. Add zeros to the number with fewer places to the right of the decimal point and then subtract.

i. $11.56 - 6.47 =$

ii. $12.39 - 1.48 =$

iii. $7.46 - 4.64 =$

iv. $10.43 - 2.41 =$