Subtraction without Decomposition   Primary 4

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	5	7	5
-	4	3	2
	1	4	3

1. Say the whole sum and estimate the answer by rounding to the nearest 100. 575 is between 500 and 600 but it is closer to 600. 432 is between 400 and 500 but it is closer to 400. 600 take away/ subtract 400 is 200 so my answer is approximately 200.

2.   5 units take away 2 units equals 3 units

3. 7 tens take away 3 tens is 4 tens.

4. 5 hundreds take away 4 hundreds is 1 hundred.

5. Say your answer as *one hundred and forty three,* drawing a line underneath.

6. Compare your estimate with the actual answer. Was it approximately 200?

(N.B. Estimation acts as a self-checking tool. If the child had added, for example, this should show that they are very far away from the possible answer.)