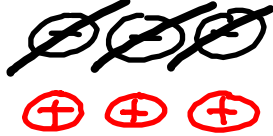
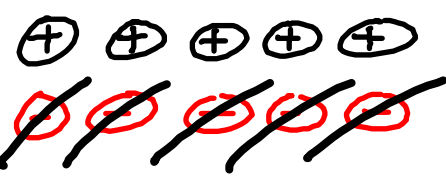


$$5 - (-3)$$

$$(-5) - 3$$



① Make zero Pairs for all the integers in the Problem

② The Subtrahend (the 2nd Number)

Will tell you which Counters to eliminate

minuend - Subtrahend

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & \uparrow & \\ 9 & - & 7 = 2 \\ \text{(1st Number)} & \text{(2nd Number)} & \uparrow \\ & & \text{Difference} \end{array}$$

- If the 2nd Number is negative "eliminate" ALL the negative counters - what you have left is your answer
- If the 2nd Number is Positive "eliminate" ALL the Positive counters - what you have left is your answer