

Adding and Subtracting Whole Numbers

To add or subtract whole numbers, add or subtract the digits in each place-value position. Start at the ones place.

EXAMPLES Add or Subtract Whole Numbers

Find each sum or difference.

1 $125 + 203$

$$\begin{array}{r} 125 \\ + 203 \\ \hline 328 \end{array}$$

Line up the digits at the ones place.

← Add the ones.

↑ Add the tens.

↑ Add the hundreds.

2 $587 - 162$

$$\begin{array}{r} 587 \\ - 162 \\ \hline 425 \end{array}$$

Line up the digits at the ones place.

← Subtract the ones.

↑ Subtract the tens.

↑ Subtract the hundreds.

You may need to regroup when adding and subtracting whole numbers.

EXAMPLES Add or Subtract with Regrouping

Find each sum or difference.

3 $387 + 98$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 387 \\ + 98 \\ \hline 485 \end{array}$$

Line up the digits at the ones place.

← Add the ones. Put the 5 in the ones and place the 1 above the tens place.

↑ Add the tens. Put the 8 in the tens place and the 1 above the hundreds place.

↑ Add the hundreds.

4 $612 - 59$

$$\begin{array}{r} 51012 \\ \cancel{6}12 \\ - 59 \\ \hline 553 \end{array}$$

Line up the digits at the ones place.

Since 9 is larger than 2, rename 2 as 12. Rename the 1 in the tens place as 10 and the 6 in the hundreds place as 5. Then subtract.