## **Learning Goal:**

By the end of this I should be able to SUBTRACT positive numbers from other numbers (pos. or neg.) WITHOUT the use of a calculator (technology).

**Example Strategies:** Find the **difference** (subtract) of the following: (-4) - 2

(i) Start with a few zero pairs, (ii) add four negative chips, (iii) then take away two positive chips, count the unbalanced chips – the number of unbalanced chips is your final answer, in this case, the answer is negative six.

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**BIG IDEA** - Adding a negative value gives the same result as subtracting a positive value.

$$5 + (-3)$$

is the same as

5 - 3

Skills Practice: Use the strategy you like best and find the difference (subtract) of the following:

(a) 
$$6 - 2$$

(b) 
$$5-8$$

(c) 
$$(-5) - 3$$

(g) 
$$8-12-4$$

(h) 
$$(-6) - 6 - 5$$