## Using inverse operations

## Discover


(I) a) What addition calculations can Reena and Lee do to check their answers? Who is correct?
b) What mistake has the other person made?

## Share

a) Reena and Lee can do the following addition calculations to check their answers.


| Th | H | T | O |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 |

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\begin{array}{cccc}
+5 & 1 & 9 & 1 \\
\hline 7 & 5 & 4 & 6 \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

I remember that to check a calculation I can use the inverse operation. To check a subtraction, I can use an addition.


Reena is correct as $2,355+5,19 \mathrm{I}=7,546$.


| Th | H | T | O |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| +5 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 | 5 | 6 | 6 |

Lee is incorrect as $2,355+5,2 \mathrm{II}=7,566$ and not 7,546 .
b) Lee should have exchanged I hundred for 10 tens so that he could do the subtraction.

| Lee's method |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Th | H | T | O |
| 7 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| -2 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| 5 | 2 | I | I |


| Correct method |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Th | H | T | O |  |
| 7 | 4 | ' 4 | 6 |  |
| -2 | 3 | 5 | 5 |  |
| 5 | I | 9 | I |  |

Correct method

| Th | H | T | O |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7 | ${ }^{4} Z$ | $1 / 4$ | 6 |


| -2 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 5 | 1 | 9 | 1 |

## Think together

I) Reena and Lee are now working out $23,405+7,892$.

a) Who has the correct answer? How can you check the answer is correct?
b) What mistake has the other person made?

2 Reena and Lee are now working out 46,795-3,548.

Reena

| TTh | Th | H | T | O |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 4 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 5 |
| -3 | 5 | 4 | 8 |  |
| I | I | 3 | I | 5 |

Lee

| TTh |  |  | Th | H |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | T | O |  |  |
| 4 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 5 |
| - | 3 | 5 | 4 | 8 |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 |

Use addition to check Reena and Lee's answers.
What mistakes have been made?

I wonder if I could use an estimate instead to check if Reena's answer is correct.


3 a) Write the fact family for this part-whole model.

b) What two subtractions would help you to check this calculation?

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3,270+7,730=10,000
$$

c) Work out the answers to your two subtractions to check that the calculation is correct.

To subtract a number from I0,000 I might subtract I from each number first.

A part-whole model will help me work out the fact family.


