Subtracting integers

Subtracting a number is adding its opposite: 5 - (-3) = 5 + 3. Then add.

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1. -16 - (-1) =

2. -19 - 14 =

3. 1 - 14 =

4. -3 - (-3) =

5. -20 - 12 =

6. 9 - (-14) =

7. 0 - 9 =

8. -4 - (-19) =

9. 18 - 20 =

10. 20 - (-15) =

11. -7 - (-4) =

12. 19 - (-20) =

13. 3 - 10 =

14. 11 - 20 =

15. 0 - 10 =

16. -5 - (-1) =

17. 17 - (-13) =

18. -19 - 11 =

19. -18 - (-18) =

20. -13 - 1 =

Subtracting integers: answer key

Each answer in colour, with the working before it.

1. $-16 - (-1) = -16 + 1 = -15$
2. $-19 - 14 = -19 + (-14) = -33$
3. $1 - 14 = 1 + (-14) = -13$
4. $-3 - (-3) = -3 + 3 = 0$
5. $-20 - 12 = -20 + (-12) = -32$
6. $9 - (-14) = 9 + 14 = 23$
7. $0 - 9 = -9$
8. $-4 - (-19) = -4 + 19 = 15$
9. $18 - 20 = 18 + (-20) = -2$
10. $20 - (-15) = 20 + 15 = 35$
11. $-7 - (-4) = -7 + 4 = -3$
12. $19 - (-20) = 19 + 20 = 39$
13. $3 - 10 = 3 + (-10) = -7$
14. $11 - 20 = 11 + (-20) = -9$
15. $0 - 10 = -10$
16. $-5 - (-1) = -5 + 1 = -4$
17. $17 - (-13) = 17 + 13 = 30$
18. $-19 - 11 = -19 + (-11) = -30$
19. $-18 - (-18) = -18 + 18 = 0$
20. $-13 - 1 = -13 + (-1) = -14$