



## Combinations to make for subtraction



**[- 9 ] → To subtract 9, subtract 10, then add 1**



**[- 8 ] → To subtract 8, subtract 10, then add 2**



**[- 7 ] → To subtract 7, subtract 10, then add 3**



**[- 6 ] → To subtract 6, subtract 10, then add 4**



**[- 5 ] → To subtract 5, subtract 10, then add 5**



**[- 4 ] → To subtract 4, subtract 10, then add 6**



**[- 3 ] → To subtract 3, subtract 10, then add 7**



**[- 2 ] → To subtract 2, subtract 10, then add 8**



**[- 1 ] → To subtract 1, subtract 10, then add 9**

[example] 12-4

There are not enough beads in the ones column to subtract 4 after adding the first number 12.

Therefore, we use the table above.

Look for [-4], then follow the steps.

[-4] → To subtract 4, subtract 10, then add 6.