

## Integers Day 3: Subtracting Integers

**Strategy:** Use chips, or draw chips.

1.  $(-3) - (-6)$

- Represent 3 negative chips.
- You want to take away 6 \_\_\_\_\_ chips.
- You do not have 6 negative chips so add “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- “\_\_\_\_\_” consist of one \_\_\_\_\_ and 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
which together equal \_\_\_\_\_.
- Now take away 6 negative chips.
- You have 3 \_\_\_\_\_ chips left.
- $(-3) - (-6) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

2.  $5 - 8$

- Represent 5 \_\_\_\_\_ chips.
- You want to take away 8 \_\_\_\_\_ chips.
- You do not have 8 \_\_\_\_\_ chips so add “ \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Now take away \_\_\_\_\_.
- You have \_\_\_\_\_ chips left.
- $5 - 8 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $(-7) - 4$

4.  $(-8) - (-1)$

**Strategy:** Remember this shortcut:

\*You will want to use this strategy for larger numbers.

- To subtract an integer, add its \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Change the subtraction symbol to \_\_\_\_\_ and the number that follows becomes its \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Then just \_\_\_\_\_ the integers.
  - Remember the phrase: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_!
- $(-3) - (-6)$ 
  - Add the opposite (KCC)
  - $(-3) + 6 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

- $5 - 8$ 
  - Add the opposite (KCC)
  - $5 + (-8) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
  
- $(-7) - 4$ 
  - Add the opposite (KCC)
  - $(-7) + (-4) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
  
- $(-8) - (-1)$ 
  - Add the opposite (KCC)
  - $(-8) + 1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$