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**Unit 2 Line Master 5a**

Patterns in Integer Subtraction

1. Complete the tables.   
 You can use models to help you subtract.

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| Number | Operation | Number | Result |  | Number | Operation | Number | Result |
| 3 | − | 3 |  |  | −3 | − | 3 |  |
| 3 | − | 2 |  |  | −3 | − | 2 |  |
| 3 | − | 1 |  |  | −3 | − | 1 |  |
| 3 | − | 0 |  |  | −3 | − | 0 |  |
| 3 | − | −1 |  |  | −3 | − | −1 |  |
| 3 | − | −2 |  |  | −3 | − | −2 |  |
| 3 | − | −3 |  |  | −3 | − | −3 |  |

2. What patterns do you notice in the results?  
 How does subtracting a negative relate to what you know   
 about adding a positive number?

Patterns in Integer Subtraction (cont’d)

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3. Use a pattern from the tables to help you rewrite   
 each subtraction statement as an addition statement.

Determine each difference.

a) (–3) – (–6) b) (–3) – (+6)

c) (+3) – (–6) d) (+3) – (+6)

4. Describe a strategy you can use when subtracting integers.   
 Be specific and include at least one example.