Name _____

A-Z Vocabulary

1. You can explain why a subtraction **strategy** works.

Match each strategy to a way that explains why it works.

Strategy   Why It Works

Use **place-value blocks.**   It helps me to do
                                 mental math.

Draw an **open number line.**   It helps me to regroup.

Use **easier numbers.**   It helps me count back
                                 or add up.

2. Find each difference. Choose any strategy. Show your work.
Then explain why the strategy works.

$340 - 199 = $ _____

Strategy: Use easier numbers.

Explain: I subtract 200 and then add 1.

$653 - 427 = $ _____

Strategy: _____

Explain: _____

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On the Back!

3. Use a strategy to find $437 - 264$. Explain why the strategy works.