

Rule:

When you have two signs next to each other in an addition or subtraction question, you have to replace them with a single sign. The rule is:

- if the signs are the same, replace them with a +
- if the signs are different, replace them with a –

Examples: Work out

$$1) -6 - -9 = -6 + 9 = 3$$

$$2) -8 - +3 = -8 - 3 = -11$$

$$3) 16 + -20 = 16 - 20 = -4$$

Exercise: Work out

$$1) -3 - -7 = 4$$

$$13) -1 - -9 = 8$$

$$2) -4 + -6 = -10$$

$$14) -8 + -2 = -10$$

$$3) 7 - -2 = 9$$

$$15) 1 + -6 = -5$$

$$4) -4 - +8 = -12$$

$$16) 5 - +5 = 0$$

$$5) -9 - -6 = -3$$

$$17) -6 + -2 = -8$$

$$6) 4 + +2 = 6$$

$$18) -9 - -7 = -2$$

$$7) 2 + -7 = -5$$

$$19) 9 - +4 = 5$$

$$8) -1 - +4 = -5$$

$$20) 2 - -7 = 9$$

$$9) -4 - -3 = -1$$

$$21) -11 - +4 = -15$$

$$10) -3 - -3 = 0$$

$$22) 8 - +2 = 6$$

$$11) -9 + +2 = -7$$

$$23) -24 - -14 = -10$$

$$12) -1 + -1 = -2$$

$$24) -36 + -21 = -57$$