

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

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

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

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

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

$$3) 7 - -2 =$$

$$15) 1 + -6 =$$

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

$$16) 5 - +5 =$$

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

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

$$6) 4 + +2 =$$

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

$$7) 2 + -7 =$$

$$19) 9 - +4 =$$

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

$$20) 2 - -7 =$$

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

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

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

$$22) 8 - +2 =$$

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

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

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

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