



The Great Subtraction Adventure

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Ansh and Anshika are sitting on a colorful rug in their bright living room, surrounded by nine vibrant balloons. Anshika, with her neat blunt cut hair and pretty frock, smiles as she counts the balloons while Ansh watches with his big, curious eyes and silky hair falling over his forehead.



Suddenly, three balloons go pop, leaving Anshika surprised as the pieces flutter to the floor. Ansh explains that when we take away three from nine, we are doing subtraction, and he points to a wooden minus sign they placed between them.



On a small chalkboard, they write down 9 minus 3 equals 6, then try a bigger problem like 28 minus 2 equals 26. They use a string of colorful Vedic math beads to count backward and visualize the numbers clearly.



Anshika holds seven shiny marbles and doesn't give any away, showing that 7 minus 0 is still 7. They learn that subtracting zero from any number leaves the number exactly the same, like a mirror reflecting itself.



Ansh has ten colorful stickers and gives all of them to Anshika, leaving him with none in his hands. They laugh together as they discover that subtracting a number from itself always leaves a difference of zero.



They look at a number line on the wall and see that taking away one from 17 lands them right on 16. They realize that subtracting one is just like finding the number that comes right before it in a sequence.



Ansh opens a box of 24 crayons but realizes he cannot easily give 5 to Anshika because there are only 4 single ones shown. They decide to use their math beads to regroup one bundle of ten into ten individual ones to solve the problem.



Now with 14 single ones, Ansh subtracts 5 to get 9, and the remaining ten stays in its place. He hands Anshika the crayons, happy to see the numbers written out showing he has exactly 19 left in his box.



They read a story about a naughty monkey who visits a fruit stall with 30 yellow bananas and eats 8 of them. To find out how many are left, they prepare to regroup the three tens into two tens and ten ones on their bead frame.



After subtracting 8 from 10 to get 2, and bringing down the 2 tens, they find that 22 bananas remain in the stall. Ansh and Anshika high-five, feeling like math superheroes after mastering the magic of subtraction and regrouping.