Subtraction Strategies for Grade 1

Subtraction Strategy
Counting Up

14 − 7 =

+1 +1 +1 +1 +1 +1 +1

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

"I start at 7 and count-up 14. I can use an open number line to help me and show my work."

This is also known as the Jump Strategy or Adding Up. More information can be found on page 65 of "Number Talks: Whole Number Computation" by Sherry Parrish.

Subtraction Strategy
Counting Back

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More information can be found on page 66 of "Number Talks: Whole Number Computation" by Sherry Parrish.

Subtraction Strategy
Removal

14 − 7 =

"I have 14 and I take 7 away. I can use ten frames to help me and show my work."

More information can be found on page 66 of "Number Talks: Whole Number Computation" by Sherry Parrish.

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Counting Back

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Subtraction Strategy
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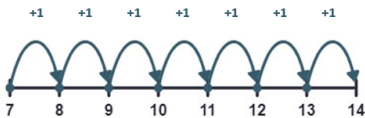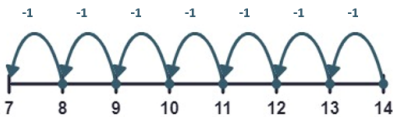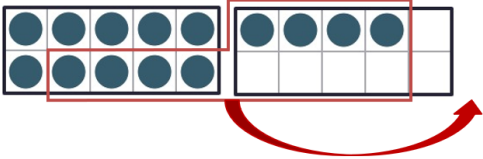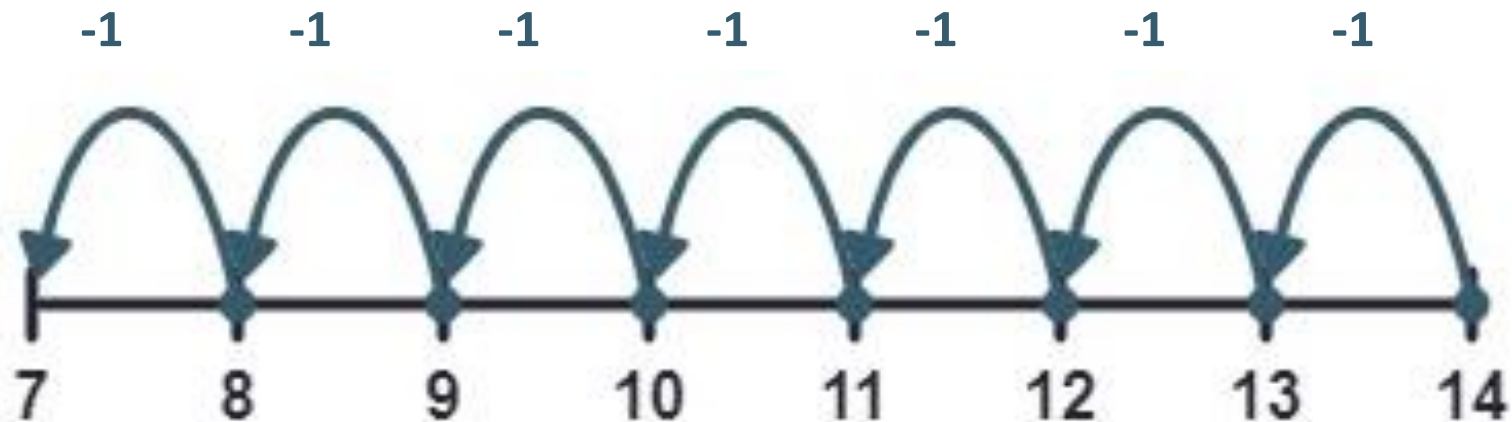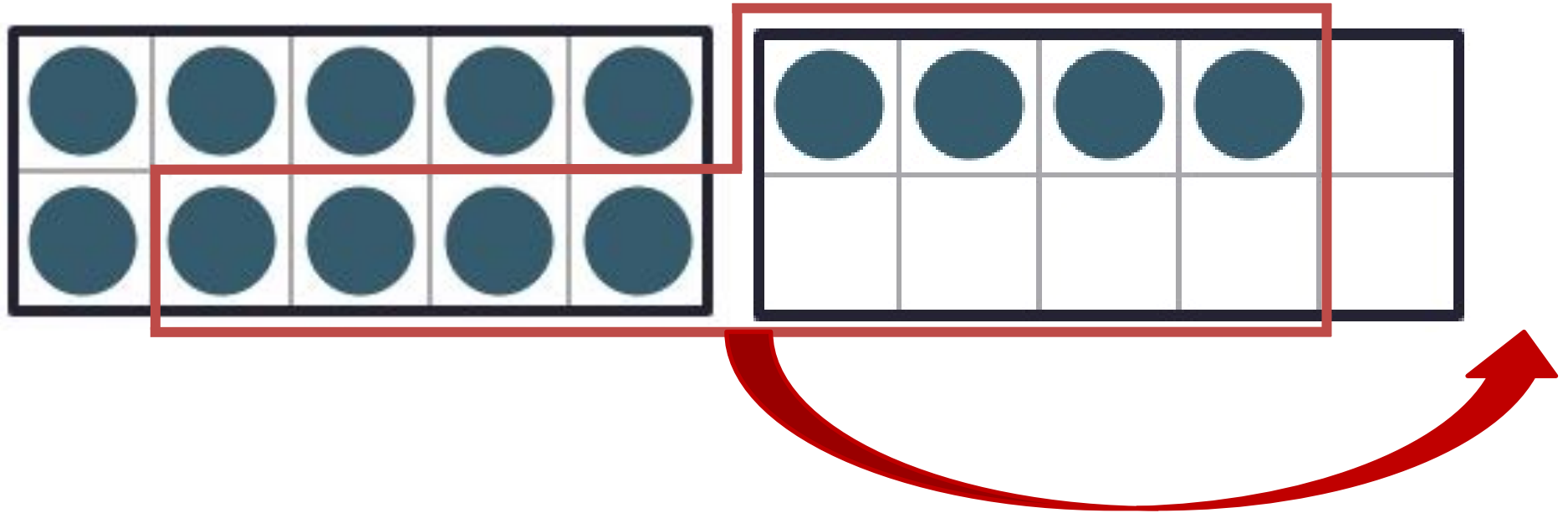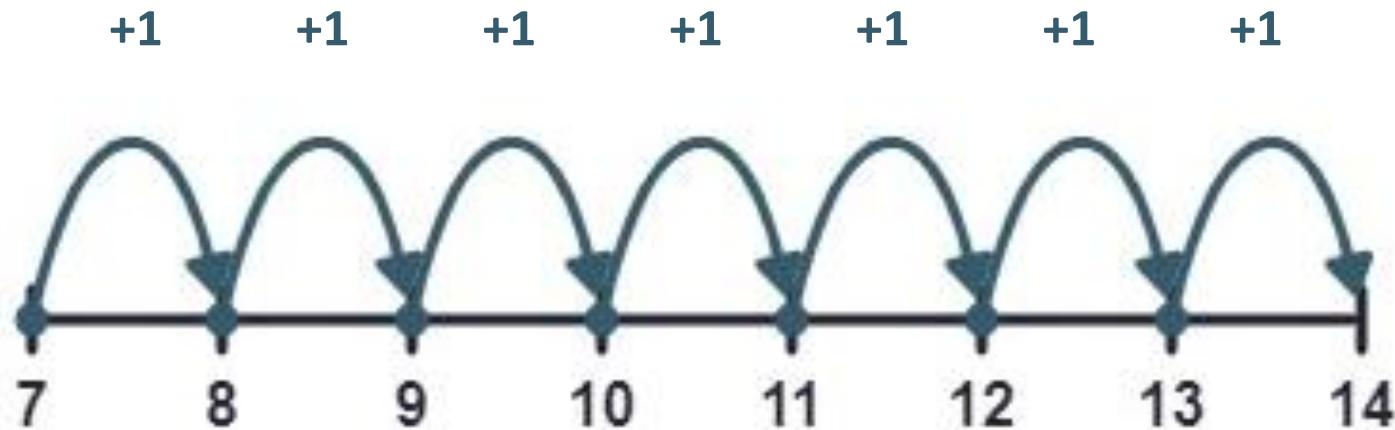

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