

## Subtract Decimals

**Subtract.**  $6.56 - 4.33$

**Step 1** Estimate the difference.

$$\begin{array}{r} 6.56 - 4.33 \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \text{Estimate: } 7 - 4 = 3 \end{array}$$

**Step 2** Line up the place values for each number in a place-value chart. Then subtract.

	Ones	Tenths	Hundredths	
	6	5	6	
—	4	3	3	
	2	2	3	← difference

**Step 3** Use your estimate to determine if your answer is reasonable.

**Think:** 2.23 is close to the estimate, 3. The answer is reasonable.

So,  $6.56 - 4.33 = \underline{2.23}$ .

**Estimate. Then find the difference.**

**1** Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.97 \\ - 0.79 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**2** Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_

$$\begin{array}{r} 4.42 \\ - 1.26 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**3** Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_

$$\begin{array}{r} 10.25 \\ - 8.25 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**Find the difference. Check your answer.**

**4**

$$\begin{array}{r} 5.75 \\ - 1.11 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**5**

$$\begin{array}{r} 25.21 \\ - 19.05 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**6**

$$\begin{array}{r} 42.14 \\ - 25.07 \\ \hline \end{array}$$