## Subtract two surds

Maths

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1. State whether each is true or false.
a) $\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{4}=\sqrt{3}$
b) $3 \sqrt{5}-\sqrt{5}=2 \sqrt{5}$
c) $5 \sqrt{3}-2 \sqrt{3}=3 \sqrt{3}$
d) $\sqrt{16}-\sqrt{9}=\sqrt{7}$
e) $6 \sqrt{7}-2 \sqrt{7}=4 \sqrt{7}$

Write the correct answer for any false
2. Simplify
a) $4 \sqrt{3}-2 \sqrt{3}$
b) $7 \sqrt{5}-6 \sqrt{5}$
c) $4 \sqrt{17}-2 \sqrt{17}$
d) $8 \sqrt{2}-2 \sqrt{2}$
e) $14 \sqrt{5}-3 \sqrt{5}-3 \sqrt{5}$
f) $2 \sqrt{2}-8 \sqrt{2}$
statements.

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3. Here are two bars. The smaller bar is $3 \sqrt{5} \mathrm{~cm}$ shorter than the longer bar.


## ? cm



Work out the length of the shorter bar.
4. Here are some number cards.


Work out
a) the mode of the cards.
b) the median of the cards.
c) the range of the cards.

Answers

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1. State whether each is true or false.
a) $\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{4}=\sqrt{3}$ False $(\sqrt{7}-2)$
b) $3 \sqrt{5}-\sqrt{5}=2 \sqrt{5}$ True
c) $5 \sqrt{3}-2 \sqrt{3}=3 \sqrt{3}$ True
d) $\sqrt{16}-\sqrt{9}=\sqrt{7}$ False (1)
e) $6 \sqrt{7}-2 \sqrt{7}=4 \sqrt{7}$ True

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2. Simplify.
a) $4 \sqrt{3}-2 \sqrt{3}=2 \sqrt{3}$
b) $7 \sqrt{5}-6 \sqrt{5}=\sqrt{5}$
c) $4 \sqrt{17}-2 \sqrt{17}=2 \sqrt{17}$
d) $8 \sqrt{2}-2 \sqrt{2}=6 \sqrt{2}$
e) $14 \sqrt{5}-3 \sqrt{5}-3 \sqrt{5}=8 \sqrt{5}$
f) $2 \sqrt{2}-8 \sqrt{2}=-6 \sqrt{2}$
statements.

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3. Here are two bars. The smaller bar is $3 \sqrt{5} \mathrm{~cm}$ shorter than the longer bar.
$9 \sqrt{5} \mathrm{~cm}$

? cm


Work out the length of the shorter bar. $6 \sqrt{5} \mathrm{~cm}$
4. Here are some number cards.


Work out
a) the mode of the cards. $3 \sqrt{7}$
b) the median of the cards. $4 \sqrt{7}$
c) the range of the cards. $12 \sqrt{7}$

