

When subtracting positive and negative integers (numbers), you will need to follow the following rule.

**switch it –switch it**

Example 1:  $8 - 7$

Use the following steps to solve using the switch it – switch it rule

1. The first number will **Always** stay the same:

$8$

2. The symbol (which is the subtraction sign) will be switched to an addition sign. (This is the first switch it in the switch it - switch it rule)

$8 +$

3. The second number will have its sign changed. (This is the second switch it – switch it in the rule)

a positive 7 will now be a negative 7

$8 + -7 =$

4. The problem to solve now is:

$8 + -7 =$

Answer is: 1



Now the problem is an addition problem and you will be able to use the positive and negative chart you used when adding positive and negative integers (numbers).