

Finding the Difference using a Number Line

$$54 - 28 = ?$$

Draw a line.

Write the smaller number at the start of the number line.

28

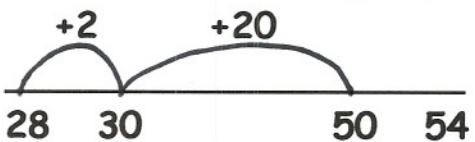
Write the larger number at the end of the number line.

28 54

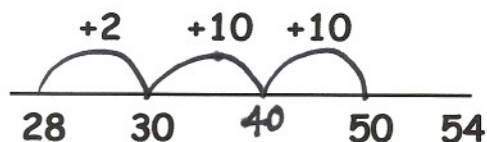
Round the smaller number up to the next ten.



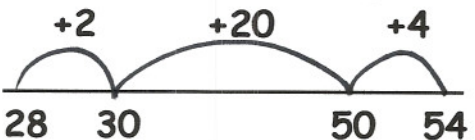
Count on in 10s or groups of 10.



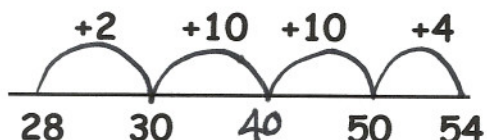
or



Add on the remaining units.



or



Add up the jumps.

$$20 + 4 + 2 = 26 \quad \text{or} \quad 10 + 10 + 4 + 2 = 26$$

$$54 - 28 = 26$$