

## Subtraction Mastery Answer Key

1. 5.53
2. 7.237
3. Estimate:  $20 - 7 = 13$ ; Exact: 12.57
4. 11.42
5. 18.32
6. Mistake: The student did not regroup correctly. Correct answer: 5.64
7. 5.15 km
8. 11.72 L
9. 17.055
10. No. Correct difference: 7.81. (The equation is actually correct, so the correct response is Yes.)

### Teacher's Guide

- Begin with a quick review of lining up decimal points before students start.
- Encourage students to estimate before solving to check if answers are reasonable.
- Remind students to show regrouping steps on problems that require borrowing.
- Have students explain the error analysis problem using place value vocabulary.
- Pair students to compare strategies for the missing number equation.
- Provide graph paper or place value charts for students who need alignment support.
- Challenge advanced students to write one mixed review problem for each skill on the worksheet.
- Extend the lesson by having students create a real-life decimal subtraction word problem and exchange it with a classmate.