

## DIAGNOSING ROW I

This row had the greatest number of errors of all of the rows. About 15% of the students had trouble with this row.

If your child got these answers

They put a 9 here ▼ but left a 0 here ▼. This shows a lack of understanding about the rules and strategy of regrouping and place value.

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The problem here is much the same as above but these people didn't even subtract one from the (thousands place) therefore the answer that they got after subtracting a single digit is more than 90 greater than they started with. These people (6%) simply changed the last 0 to 9 and put a 1 in front of the last number. Then they subtracted. This is what happens when children try to simply memorize a bunch of rules that they don't understand. **They must learn the system!**

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Here the answers are almost 1000 less than the top number. It makes no sense but this is what we get with spiral curriculum math. These children simply took 1 from the (thousands place) and put it in front of the last digit.

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This is the same as the above example except that these didn't even take 1 from the (thousands place). They just put a 1 in front of the last number.

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