**Parent Tip**

**“Counting Back”**

**The next math fact strategy that your child has learned is “Counting Back”.**

**Meet “Batman & Robin”**

**Batman and Robin** Batman fights crime alone (1), and as a pair (2) with his sidekick Robin.

**“Counting Back” ![MC900326090[1]]() or ![MC900326092[1]]()**

**Counting back** is a good strategy to use when you are subtracting 1 or 2 from a number.

When you use the “counting back” strategy you put the larger number in your head and then count *back* 1 or 2.

Example: 12 – 2 = ?, *think* ![MC900434389[1]]() I put the 12 in my head and count back 2. So 12…11, 10.

Example: 16 – 1 = ?, *think* ![MC900434389[1]]() I put the 16 in my head and count back 1. So 16…15.