

Borrowing - Whole Number

$$12 - 9\frac{2}{5}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ - 9\frac{2}{5} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11\frac{5}{5} \\ - 9\frac{2}{5} \\ \hline 2\frac{3}{5} \end{array}$$

Remember, when borrowing, when working in fifths, I borrow 5/5. If I was working in thirds, I'll borrow 3/3. If I'm working in twelfths, I'll borrow 12/12. The point being, just like in dealing with money, I get the type of change I'll need to do the problem. Piece of cake, don't you think?