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## FINDING VALUES ON METER STRIPS

## Each unit length on both number lines is $\mathbf{1 0}$ centimeters.

 (Note: Number lines not drawn to scale).1) Vincent's meter strip got cut off at 68 centimeters. To measure the length of his screwdriver, he writes " $81 \mathrm{~cm}-68 \mathrm{~cm}$ " Alicia says it's easier to move the screwdriver over 2 centimeters. What is Alicia's subtraction sentence? Explain why she's correct.

## Solution:

Vincent's idea:


Alicia's idea:


Alicia's subtraction sentence $=$ $\qquad$ - $\qquad$ = $\qquad$ cm .

## Explanation:

Alicia is correct because she added 2 for both numbers to the Vincent's subtraction sentence (81-68).

And it is so easy to do subtraction by making a number into tens.

