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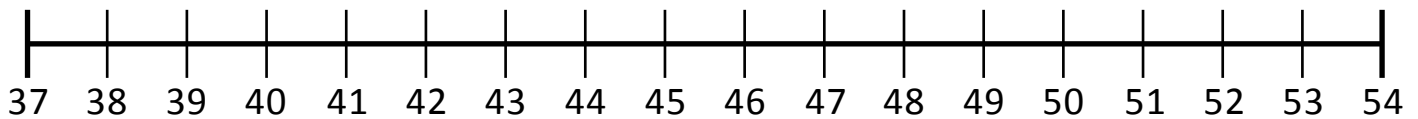
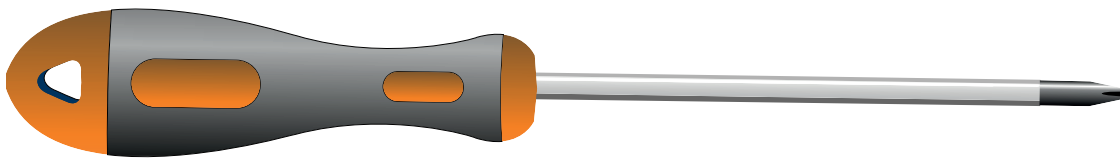
FINDING VALUES ON METER STRIPS

Solve the problem by using number line.

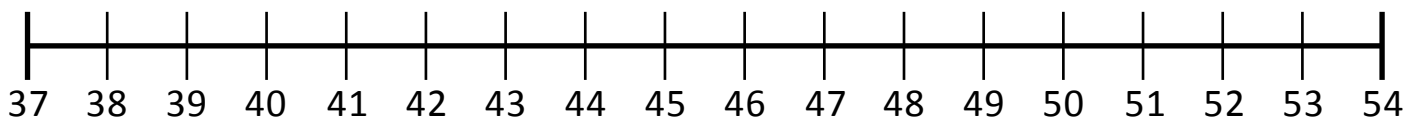
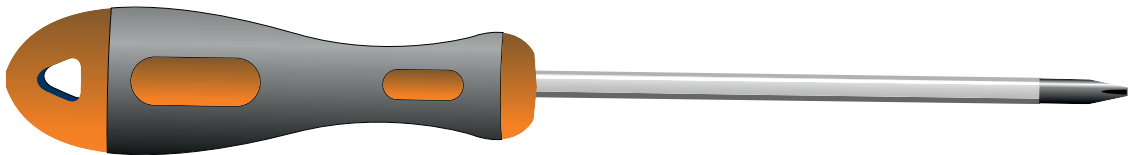
- 1) Laura's meter strip got cut off at 37 centimeters. To measure the length of her screwdriver, she writes $51\text{ cm} - 37\text{ cm}$. Tam says it's easier to move the screwdriver over 3 centimeters. What is the Tam subtraction sentence? Explain why she's correct.

Solution:

Laura's idea:



Tam's idea:



Tam's subtraction sentence = $\underline{\quad} - \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$ centimeters.

Explanation: