Rally Coach

This idea can be used in any subject. It works best when it is used in mixed ability pairs so that the children can hear different explanations and solutions to problems that they wouldn't normally hear in ability groups.

The activity lets children hear the vocabulary used for each topic and helps them see they can approach tasks in different ways and still get the same answer.

I also use it to address misconceptions where the children have to work out the mistakes and explain them to each other.

Activity

- Decide who is partner A and partner B.
- Partner A answers the first question but can only record something on the sheet if they have told partner B what they are doing and why.
- Partner B listens and can only talk if they realise partner A has missed a step or asks for help.
- When the question is finished and both children are happy with the answer, repeat with partner B taking the lead

| | Answer each question using column subtraction. Make sure you show your working and use resources to help you if needed. |
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