

## Rules for Subtracting Integers

- Keep the first number the same
- Change the subtraction sign to an addition sign
- Change the second number to its opposite
- Add the numbers. Use the rules for adding integers.

**\*\*Subtracting an integer is like adding its opposite.**

-5 - 7 is like -5 + (-7)

Subtracting +7 is like adding -7

$$-5 - 7 = -12$$

-6 - 6 is like -6 + (-6)

Subtracting +6 is like adding -6

$$-6 - 6 = -12$$