

Subtraction Word Problems Worksheet - Answer Key

1st Grade - subtraction word problems within 20 | 15 minutes

Read each problem. Write the subtraction sentence, solve it, and label your answer.

Example: Mia had 10 stickers. She gave 3 away: $10 - 3 = 7$ stickers.

- 1 Mia had 10 stickers. She gave 3 away. How many are left?
Answer: $10 - 3 = 7$ stickers
- 2 There were 8 cookies. We ate 5. How many are left?
Answer: $8 - 5 = 3$ cookies
- 3 Ben has 12 crayons. He lost 4. How many now?
Answer: $12 - 4 = 8$ crayons
- 4 A box had 15 pencils. 6 were used. How many are left?
Answer: $15 - 6 = 9$ pencils
- 5 There are 9 birds. 4 fly away. How many stay?
Answer: $9 - 4 = 5$ birds
- 6 Tom has 7 cars and Nina has 4 cars. How many more does Tom have?
Answer: $7 - 4 = 3$ more cars
- 7 There were 20 eggs. 7 cracked. How many are whole?
Answer: $20 - 7 = 13$ eggs
- 8 Jake had 11 balloons. 5 popped. How many are left?
Answer: $11 - 5 = 6$ balloons
- 9 The shelf had 16 books. 9 were lent out. How many are left?
Answer: $16 - 9 = 7$ books
- 10 Lily has 8 dolls and Mia has 5 dolls. How many more does Lily have?
Answer: $8 - 5 = 3$ more dolls
- 11 There are 13 ducks. 6 swim away. How many stay?
Answer: $13 - 6 = 7$ ducks
- 12 A puzzle has 18 pieces. 10 are found. How many are missing?
Answer: $18 - 10 = 8$ pieces

Challenge

- 13 There were 17 balloons. Some popped; 9 are left. How many popped?

Answer: $17 - 9 = 8$ balloons

- 14 Write a subtraction story problem of your own.

Answer: Sample: I had 10 grapes and ate 4. 6 are left.