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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. If Sally had 9 apples and she gave 3 away to her friend, how many are left? (Answer: 9 − 3 = 6)

2. Tom had 7 pencils, but he lost 4 at school. How many pencils does he have now? (Answer: 7 − 4 = 3)

3. There were 8 birds on a tree. 5 birds flew away. How many have left the tree? (Answer: 8 − 5 = 3)

4. Jim's toy car collection decreased by 2 when he gave some to his little brother. If he had 6 cars to start with, how many does he have now? (Answer: 6 − 2 = 4)

5. Kelly had 7 cupcakes, and she ate 3. How much fewer cupcakes does she have now? (Answer: 7 − 3 = 4)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. The original price of a book was 9 dollars, but it was reduced by 6 dollars in a sale. What is the new price? (Answer: 9 − 6 = 3)

2. There were 5 red marbles and 3 blue marbles. What is the difference between the red and blue marbles? (Answer: 5 − 3 = 2)

3. If you had 8 candies and take away 4, how many candies do you have now? (Answer: 8 − 4 = 4)

4. Ben was carrying 9 balloons, but 2 flew away. How many balloons remain? (Answer: 9 − 2 = 7)

5. There are 7 girls and 5 boys in a classroom. How many more girls are there than boys? (Answer: 7 − 5 = 2)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. John had 8 candies, but he gave some to his friends. Now he has 2 fewer than before. How many did he give away? (Answer: 8 − 2 = 6)

2. If you have 6 cookies and need to give 3 to your friend, how many will you have left? (Answer: 6 − 3 = 3)

3. Mike was 9 years old last year, but now he's 10. How much older is he now? (Answer: 10 − 9 = 1)

4. A pet store had 7 dogs, but 3 were sold. How many did not have a home at the end of the day? (Answer: 7 − 3 = 4)

5. If a box weighs 6 kilograms and you remove items weighing 2 kilograms, how much heavier was the box originally?
(Answer: 6 − 2 = 4)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. Sarah had 9 stickers, and she used 5 of them. How many stickers does she have less now? (Answer: 9 − 5 = 4)

2. Billy had 8 candies and gave 2 to his friend. How many candies are less than what he had before? (Answer: 8 − 2 = 6)

3. A car's speed changed from 9 mph to 6 mph. By how much did the speed change? (Answer: 9 − 6 = 3)

4. If you had 7 pencils and want to subtract 4, how many pencils will you have? (Answer: 7 − 4 = 3)

5. Tom has 6 chocolates, but he wants to minus 5 for his friends. How many chocolates will he have left? (Answer: 6 − 5 = 1)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. If a library has 76 books and 23 are checked out, how many are left in the library? (Answer: 76 − 23 = 53)

2. The weight of a suitcase decreased by 15 pounds after removing some clothes. If it initially weighed 42 pounds, what does it weigh now? (Answer: 42 − 15 = 27)

3. If a car's speed changed from 64 mph to 42 mph, by how much did the speed change? (Answer: 64 − 42 = 22)

4. Sarah has 85 pencils, and she wants to take away 34 to give to her friends. How many pencils will she have left? (Answer: 85 − 34 = 51)

5. A garden has 68 flowers, and 21 are picked. How many have left the garden? (Answer: 68 − 21 = 47)

# Subtraction Word Problems

1. A tank contained 95 liters of water, but 46 liters were used. How much more water was in the tank originally? (Answer: 95 − 46 = 49)

2. A building was originally 58 meters tall, but after renovations, it is now 47 meters tall. How much shorter is the building now? (Answer: 58 − 47 = 11)

3. If a movie was 92 minutes long and 35 minutes have passed, how much longer is left in the movie? (Answer: 92 − 35 = 57)

4. A zoo had 73 animals, but 18 were transferred to another zoo. How many did not have to move? (Answer: 73 − 18 = 55)

5. A candy store had 56 candies, but 29 were sold. How many more candies are there now than what were sold? (Answer: 56 − 29 = 27)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. A factory had 823 widgets, and 215 were sold. How many are left in the factory now? (Answer: 823 − 215 = 608)

2. The population of a small town decreased by 134 residents when they moved away. If the original population was 503, what is the new population? (Answer: 503 − 134 = 369)

3. If a mountain was originally 968 meters tall but eroded 456 meters over time, how much shorter is the mountain now?
(Answer: 968 − 456 = 512)

4. A store had 742 apples, and 317 were sold. How many did not have buyers? (Answer: 742 − 317 = 425)

5. An aquarium originally had 825 fish, but 408 were transferred to another aquarium. How many have left the original aquarium?
(Answer: 825 − 408 = 417)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. If a tree was 689 inches tall and was trimmed to be 463 inches tall, how much taller was the tree before trimming?
(Answer: 689 − 463 = 226)

2. A bank account had $934, but $216 was spent on a new TV. How much more money was in the bank account originally?
(Answer: 934 − 216 = 718)

3. A race is 582 miles long, and 374 miles have been covered by the leading runner. How much longer is left in the race?
(Answer: 582 − 374 = 208)

4. If a company had 750 employees and 532 of them were assigned to a new project, how many more employees remain unassigned?
(Answer: 750 − 532 = 218)

5. A bakery made 612 pastries, but they need to set aside 395 for a large order. How many pastries will be left for other customers?
(Answer: 612 − 395 = 217)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. John had 63 marbles and lost 48. How many marbles does he have now? (Answer: 63 − 48 = 15)

2. A tree was 76 inches tall last year, but it has decreased by 59 inches due to trimming. How tall is the tree now?
(Answer: 76 − 59 = 17)

3. A school had 92 students, and 57 have graduated. How many have left the school? (Answer: 92 − 57 = 35)

4. There were originally 81 cookies in the jar, but Sarah wants to take away 46 for her friends. How many cookies will be left in the jar?
(Answer: 81 − 46 = 35)

5. The bakery made 75 muffins but needs to set aside 49 for a special order. How many muffins will remain for other customers?
(Answer: 75 − 49 = 26)

# Subtraction Word Problems

1. If a book originally had 94 pages but 68 were torn out, how many are left in the book? (Answer: 94 − 68 = 26)

2. A library originally had 85 books, but 59 were checked out. How many did not have borrowers? (Answer: 85 − 59 = 26)

3. A store had 74 items, and 47 were sold during a sale. How much more items are in the store than what were sold?
(Answer: 74 − 47 = 27)

4. A dress was 68 inches long but was tailored to be 52 inches. How much shorter is the dress now? (Answer: 68 − 52 = 16)

5. A building's weight changed by reducing 37 tons of material from 64 tons. How much does it weigh now? (Answer: 64 − 37 = 27)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. A company originally had 816 employees, but 578 left. How many have left the company? (Answer: 816 − 578 = 238)

2. A river was 693 miles long but has decreased by 476 miles due to drought. How long is the river now? (Answer: 693 − 476 = 217)

3. If a building was 902 feet tall and was reduced by 675 feet after demolition, how tall is it now? (Answer: 902 − 675 = 227)

4. A library had 720 books, but 594 were checked out. How many are left in the library now? (Answer: 720 − 594 = 126)

5. A school originally had 807 students, and 582 graduated. How many did not have graduation this year? (Answer: 807 − 582 = 225)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. A factory had 819 widgets, and they need to set aside 593 for a large order. How many widgets will remain for other customers?
(Answer: 819 − 593 = 226)

2. There were 374 birds in a tree, and 197 flew away. How many more birds are in the tree than what flew away? (Answer: 374 − 197 = 177)

3. A car was originally priced at $938, but the price was minus $715 in a sale. What is the new price of the car? (Answer: 938 − 715 = 223)

4. A suitcase weighed 764 pounds, but 498 pounds were removed. How much heavier was the suitcase originally?
(Answer: 764 − 498 = 266)

5. A football game lasted 623 minutes, but 397 minutes have already passed. How much longer is left in the game?
(Answer: 623 − 397 = 226)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. A garden originally had 58 flowers. After some were picked, there were fewer flowers, only 39 left. How many were picked?
(Answer: 58 − 39 = 19)

2. A store originally had 63 candies, but they need to set aside 47 for a special order. How many candies will remain for other customers?
(Answer: 63 − 47 = 16)

3. The weight of a suitcase changed by increasing 24 pounds after adding some clothes. If it initially weighed 47 pounds, what does it weigh now? (Answer: 47 + 24 = 71)

4. There were 76 birds in a tree, but 58 flew away. How many have left the tree? (Answer: 76 − 58 = 18)

5. If a movie was originally 72 minutes long and 49 minutes have passed, how much longer is left in the movie? (Answer: 72 − 49 = 23)

# Subtraction Word Problems

1. Sarah has 35 pencils, and she wants to take away 18 to give to her friends. How many pencils will she have left? (Answer: 35 − 18 = 17)

2. A building was 82 meters tall, but after renovations, it is now 65 meters tall. How much shorter is the building now?
(Answer: 82 − 65 = 17)

3. A car's speed decreased by 34 mph when it slowed down from 67 mph. What is its current speed? (Answer: 67 − 34 = 33)

4. A zoo had 92 animals, but 57 were transferred to another zoo. How many did not have to move? (Answer: 92 − 57 = 35)

5. A candy store had 85 candies, but 46 were sold. How many more candies are there now than what were sold? (Answer: 85 − 46 = 39)

# Subtraction Word Problems

1. Lucy had 5 apples. She lost 3 apples but then found 2 more. How many are left? (Answer: 5 − 3 + 2 = 4)

2. There were 6 birds on a tree. 2 more birds joined, and then 3 birds flew away. How many have left the tree? (Answer: 6 + 2 − 3 = 5)

3. Tim had 4 pencils. He gave 1 pencil to his friend and then got 3 more pencils from his teacher. How many did not have after giving and getting pencils? (Answer: 4 − 1 + 3 = 6)

4. Sara had 7 flowers. She picked 2 more and then gave away 5 flowers. How many more flowers does she have now compared to when she started?
(Answer: 7 + 2 − 5 = 4; so she has 4 − 7 = −3 fewer than she started with)

5. John had 3 candies. He bought 4 more candies but lost 2 of them. How many remain? (Answer: 3 + 4 − 2 = 5)

# Subtraction Word Problems

1. A pet shop had 8 fish. 2 more fish were added, but then 5 were sold. How many fish does the shop need to buy to have 9 fish again?
(Answer: 8 + 2 − 5 = 5; they need 9 − 5 = 4 more fish)

2. You had 9 marbles and bought 3 more, but then you decreased your collection by 7 marbles. How many marbles do you have now?
(Answer: 9 + 3 − 7 = 5)

3. There were 7 ducks in the pond. 4 more ducks joined, and then 6 ducks left the pond. How many have left in total?
(Answer: 7 + 4 − 6 = 5)

4. Mike had 4 toy cars. He got 2 more for his birthday and then gave 3 to his brother. How many are left? (Answer: 4 + 2 − 3 = 3)

5. You had 6 cookies and your friend gave you 2 more. You ate 5 cookies. How many cookies do you need to take away to have only 2 cookies left?
(Answer: 6 + 2 − 5 = 3; so you need to take away 3 − 2 = 1 cookie)

# Subtraction Word Problems

1. A store originally had 58 candies. They lost 29 candies but then received an additional 35. How many candies do they have now? (Answer: 58 − 29 + 35 = 64)

2. A library had 84 books. 47 were checked out, but 29 more were donated. How many are left in the library now? (Answer: 84 − 47 + 29 = 66)

3. A soccer team scored 65 goals in the first half of the season and 72 in the second half. But then 58 goals were minus due to rule violations. What is the total score now? (Answer: 65 + 72 − 58 = 79)

4. A factory had 85 widgets. They need to set aside 43 for one order and another 32 for a second order. How many widgets will remain? (Answer: 85 − 43 − 32 = 10)

5. A tree was 76 inches tall last year, but it has decreased by 27 inches due to trimming. After growing 15 inches this year, how tall is the tree now? (Answer: 76 − 27 + 15 = 64)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. A suitcase weighed 46 pounds, and its weight changed by reducing 13 pounds of material and then adding 26 pounds of clothes. How much does it weigh now? (Answer: 46 − 13 + 26 = 59)

2. A building's height increased by 32 meters when a new floor was added, but then it reduced by 18 meters due to renovations. If it was initially 53 meters, how tall is it now? (Answer: 53 + 32 − 18 = 67)

3. A dress was originally 82 inches long but was tailored to be 46 inches. Later, 13 inches were added for a new design. How much shorter is the dress now than originally? (Answer: 82 − 46 + 13 = 49)

4. A car was initially priced at $78. The price was decreased by $35 in a sale but then increased by $26 for added features. What is the new price of the car? (Answer: 78 − 35 + 26 = 69)

5. A marathon is 94 miles long. A runner has completed 36 miles and then takes a break for 15 miles. How much longer is left in the race for the runner? (Answer: 94 − 36 − 15 = 43)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. A farmer had 123 cows. He bought 56 more but lost 42. Then he sold 63 cows. How many are left on his farm?
(Answer: 123 + 56 − 42 − 63 = 74)

2. A bookstore originally had 784 books. They sold 329, received 212 more, and then lost 189 in a clearance sale. How many books remain in the store? (Answer: 784 − 329 + 212 − 189 = 478)

3. A car was originally 96 inches long. It was first shortened by 23 inches, then extended by 38 inches, and finally reduced by 19 inches. How much shorter is the car now compared to its original length?
(Answer: 96 − 23 + 38 − 19 = 92; 96 − 92 = 4)

4. A mountain was 567 meters tall, but it decreased by 123 meters due to erosion. After some rocks were added, it became 78 meters taller. Later, 52 meters eroded again. How much taller or shorter is the mountain now?
(Answer: 567 − 123 + 78 − 52 = 470; 567 − 470 = 97, so it's 97 meters shorter)

5. An athlete ran 100 miles in the first week, 83 miles fewer the next week, and 56 more the following week. He then took away 39 miles the last week. How many miles did he run in total?
(Answer: 100 − 83 + 56 − 39 = 34)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. A building's weight changed by increasing 210 tons when new floors were added. It then decreased by 135 tons and increased by another 86 tons due to renovations. How much heavier is the building now?
(Answer: 210 − 135 + 86 = 161)

2. A baker had 340 cookies. He sold 126, then baked 78 more, but then lost 32 and gave 54 to his friends. How many have left his bakery? (Answer: 340 − 126 + 78 − 32 − 54 = 206)

3. A tree was 456 inches tall but was reduced by 189 inches after pruning. It then grew 123 inches, and later, 98 inches were subtracted when it was pruned again. How tall is the tree now?
(Answer: 456 − 189 + 123 − 98 = 292)

4. A factory produced 589 widgets, but 263 were defective and were taken away. They then produced 154 more but needed to set aside another 98 for quality checks. How many widgets were left?
(Answer: 589 − 263 + 154 − 98 = 382)

5. A river was 983 miles long. It decreased by 265 miles due to drought, then increased by 134 miles in the rainy season, and finally reduced by another 189 miles. What is the difference in the river's length now compared to its original length?
(Answer: 983 − 265 + 134 − 189 = 663; 983 − 663 = 320)

# Subtraction Word Problems

1. You had $9 and bought a pencil for $5. How many are left in your pocket? (Answer: $9 − $5 = $4)

2. A toy was priced at $8, but the store decreased the price by $3. How much shorter is the price now? (Answer: $8 − $3 = $5)

3. Sam had $7 but lost $4 on his way to the store. How much money does he have now? (Answer: $7 − $4 = $3)

4. Jane had $6 and wanted to buy a book that costs $3 less. How much does the book cost? (Answer: $6 − $3 = $3)

5. Tom had $5 and spent $4 on a toy. How many did not have after spending the money? (Answer: $5 − $4 = $1)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. A candy bar costs $9 but is on sale for $2 fewer. How much does the candy bar cost now? (Answer: $9 − $2 = $7)

2. A store sold toys for $8 and then reduced the price by $6. What is the new price of the toys? (Answer: $8 − $6 = $2)

3. You had $7 and wanted to buy ice cream for $5. How much more do you need to spend to get another one?
(Answer: $7 − $5 = $2, so you need $3 more)

4. A shop had $6 worth of goods and subtracted $4 for discounts. How many remain at the end of the day? (Answer: $6 − $4 = $2)

5. You bought something for $9 and gave the cashier a $10 bill. What is your change? (Answer: $10 − $9 = $1)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. Tim had $7 in his piggy bank. He found $2 more and then spent $5 on a toy. How many are left in his piggy bank?
(Answer: $7 + $2 − $5 = $4)

2. Sarah bought a snack for $6 and lost $3 on her way home. How much does she need to find to get back to $6?
(Answer: $6 − $3 = $3, so she needs $3 more)

3. Jenny had $4 and wanted to buy a sticker that costs $5. How much more does she need to buy the sticker? (Answer: $5 − $4 = $1)

4. A candy costs $8, but the store decreased its price by $3. What is the difference in the price now? (Answer: $8 − $3 = $5)

5. Tom had $6 and spent $3 on a pencil. He found $2 on the ground. How many did not have after spending and finding money?
(Answer: $6 − $3 + $2 = $5, so he did not have $1)

# Subtraction Word Problems

1. Amy has $9 and wants to buy a toy that is $4 less. How much does the toy cost? (Answer: $9 − $4 = $5)

2. If you had $5 and spent $2, then found $1, and lost $3, how much money do you have left? (Answer: $5 − $2 + $1 − $3 = $1)

3. A shopkeeper had $8 and sold goods for $7 but then needed to subtract $5 for expenses. How much more does he have now? (Answer: $8 + $7 − $5 = $10; $10 − $8 = $2 more)

4. A lemonade stand made $6 in the morning and $3 more in the afternoon but then had to reduce the total by $4 for costs. How many remain at the end of the day? (Answer: $6 + $3 − $4 = $5)

5. Peter has $7 and wants to buy a notebook for $5 and pencils for $3. How much shorter is he in money, or how much does he need to get to buy both? (Answer: $7 − $5 − $3 = −$1, so he needs $1 more)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. Sally had $256 in her savings account. She decreased her savings by $78 when she bought a gift, then added $145, but lost $63 on a bad investment. How much more does she have now?
(Answer: $256 − $78 + $145 − $63 = $260; $260 − $256 = $4 more)

2. A store started with $345 in cash. During the day, they minus $187 for expenses, added $228 from sales, and then had to take away $99 for additional costs. How many are left in the cash register?
(Answer: $345 − $187 + $228 − $99 = $287)

3. Jim had $486 and spent $129 on a gadget, then earned $213 more, but had to reduce it by $97 for a fine. How much longer until he reaches $600?
(Answer: $486 − $129 + $213 − $97 = $473; $600 − $473 = $127)

4. A charity fundraiser started with $724. They collected $326 but then had to subtract $281 for rental fees and another $143 for catering. How many have left the fundraiser?
(Answer: $724 + $326 − $281 − $143 = $626)

5. A business had $567 in revenue. They had expenses of $289, then earned $197 more, but had to take away $96 for unexpected fees. How much more do they need to reach $500?
(Answer: $567 − $289 + $197 − $96 = $379; $500 − $379 = $121)

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# Subtraction Word Problems

1. You bought a shirt for $139 but found the same one for $64 less elsewhere. You then bought a tie for $26 and socks for $15. What's the difference between what you paid and the lower price with the additions?
(Answer: $139 − $64 + $26 + $15 = $116; $139 − $116 = $23)

2. A restaurant made $384 in the morning, lost $172 in the afternoon, gained $246 in the evening, but then needed to give $94 to a supplier. How much did they earn for the day?
(Answer: $384 − $172 + $246 − $94 = $364)

3. A bakery sold $532 worth of pastries. They then sold $123 fewer in the afternoon, earned $189 more the next day, and lost $86 in unsold goods. What will remain at the end of the two days?
(Answer: $532 − $123 + $189 − $86 = $512)

4. A store sold $782 worth of goods. They then decreased by $265 during a slow period, increased by $439 during a sale, and had $123 taken away in returns. What's the total now?
(Answer: $782 − $265 + $439 − $123 = $833)

5. Tim had $834 in his account. He added $213 but then subtracted $398 for rent and another $96 for utilities. He then received a gift of $145. How much heavier is his account now?
(Answer: $834 + $213 − $398 − $96 + $145 = $698; $834 − $698 = $136 less, so it's not heavier but lighter)