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Subtraction Word Problems

Grades 1–3 • 20 questions • Read twice, draw it, write the number sentence, solve

1. There are 8 ducks on a pond. 3 fly away. How many ducks are left?

   Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

2. Ana has 12 balloons. 5 pop. How many balloons are left?

   Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

3. Raj has 14 stickers. Mia has 9. How many more stickers does Raj have?

   Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

4. A class has 17 children. 8 are boys. How many are girls?

   Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

5. Sam had some marbles. He gave away 6 and has 7 left. How many did he have at first?

   Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

6. Tia had 15 grapes. She ate some and now has 9. How many did she eat?

   Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

7. A shop had 46 apples. It sold 23. How many apples are left?

   Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

8. Leo has 52 cards. His sister has 18. How many fewer cards does she have?

   Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

9. A book has 75 pages. Priya has read 38. How many pages are left?

   Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

10. There are 64 seats on a bus. 29 are taken. How many seats are empty?

    Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

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Subtraction Word Problems

Part B • Bigger numbers and two-step problems

11. Max had $50. He spent $27 on a game. How much money is left?

Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

12. A rope is 90 cm long. 45 cm is cut off. How long is the rope now?

Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

13. A school has 324 students. 158 are in the hall. How many are not in the hall?

Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

14. A farm had 500 eggs. 236 were sold. How many eggs are left?

Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

15. A hill is 412 m high. A tower is 185 m high. How much higher is the hill?

Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

16. A train had 260 people. 85 got off. How many people are still on the train?

Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

17. A shop had 245 pens. It sold 90 on Monday and 75 on Tuesday. How many pens are left?

Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

18. Mia had 80 beads. She used 26 for a necklace and 18 for a bracelet. How many beads are left?

Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

19. A game costs $63. Tom has saved $38. How much more does he need?

Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

20. A baker made 120 rolls. He sold 75 and gave away 20. How many rolls are left?

Number sentence: _____ Answer: _____

Answer Key — Subtraction Word Problems

1. 8 − 3 = 5 ducks
2. 12 − 5 = 7 balloons
3. 14 − 9 = 5 stickers
4. 17 − 8 = 9 girls
5. 6 + 7 = 13 marbles
6. 15 − 9 = 6 grapes
7. 46 − 23 = 23 apples
8. 52 − 18 = 34 cards
9. 75 − 38 = 37 pages
10. 64 − 29 = 35 seats
11. 50 − 27 = $23
12. 90 − 45 = 45 cm
13. 324 − 158 = 166 students
14. 500 − 236 = 264 eggs
15. 412 − 185 = 227 m
16. 260 − 85 = 175 people
17. 245 − 90 − 75 = 80 pens
18. 80 − 26 − 18 = 36 beads
19. 63 − 38 = $25
20. 120 − 75 − 20 = 25 rolls