

Subtraction Word Problems

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1 Read each problem. Write the equation and the answer. Draw a picture if it helps.

1. There are 12 birds on a fence. 5 birds fly away. How many birds are still on the fence?

Equation: _____ Answer: _____

2. Noah has 15 crayons. He gives 6 crayons to his sister. How many crayons does Noah have left?

Equation: _____ Answer: _____

3. Lily has 11 balloons. 3 of them pop. How many balloons does Lily have now?

Equation: _____ Answer: _____

4. Owen has 14 marbles. Ella has 8 marbles. How many more marbles does Owen have than Ella?

Equation: _____ Answer: _____

5. There were 16 cookies on a plate. The children ate some. Now there are 6 cookies. How many cookies did the children eat?

Equation: _____ Answer: _____

6. There are 13 fish in a tank. 8 fish are orange and the rest are blue. How many fish are blue?

Equation: _____ Answer: _____

2 Write your own story problem for $16 - 7$. Then solve it. ★

Check:

☐ I finished every task ☐ I checked my work

 Ask your child to draw each story with simple circles, crossing out what goes away.

Answer Key: Subtraction Word Problems

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Equation: $12 - 5 = 7$

Answer: **7 birds**

2. Noah has 15 crayons. He gives 6 crayons to his sister. How many crayons does Noah have left?

Equation: $15 - 6 = 9$

Answer: **9 crayons**

3. Lily has 11 balloons. 3 of them pop. How many balloons does Lily have now?

Equation: $11 - 3 = 8$

Answer: **8 balloons**

4. Owen has 14 marbles. Ella has 8 marbles. How many more marbles does Owen have than Ella?

Equation: $14 - 8 = 6$

Answer: **6 more marbles**

5. There were 16 cookies on a plate. The children ate some. Now there are 6 cookies. How many cookies did the children eat?

Equation: $16 - 6 = 10$

Answer: **10 cookies**

6. There are 13 fish in a tank. 8 fish are orange and the rest are blue. How many fish are blue?

Equation: $13 - 8 = 5$

Answer: **5 blue fish**

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Answers will vary. The answer is 9.



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