

Subtraction Word Problems

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2. There are 38 children at a party. Only 20 children are left in a game.
How many children are no longer in the game?

3. A teacher has 45 pencils. She gives out 30 to the new children in her class.
How many are left?

4. Janine buys a packet of crisps for 65p. She paid with 80p.
How much change will she get?

5. A florist has 72 roses. She sells 40 in one day.
How many are left?

6. Marcel has 48 sweets. He shares 20 between his friends.
How many does he have left?

7. A farmer has 84 cows. He takes 50 to a new field.
How many are left behind?

8. A class has a target of raising £70 for a local charity. So far, they have raised £49.
How much more do they need to raise to reach their target?

9. A teacher has 60 books to mark. He has marked 32.
How many does he have left to mark?

10. A teacher prints 64 copies of a worksheet and only 20 are used.
How many worksheets are left?

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18
3. A teacher has 45 pencils. She gives out 30 to the new children in her class.
How many are left?
15
4. Janine buys a packet of crisps for 65p. She paid with 80p.
How much change will she get?
15p
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32
6. Marcel has 48 sweets. He shares 20 between his friends.
How many does he have left?
28
7. A farmer has 84 cows. He takes 50 to a new field.
How many are left behind?
34
8. A class has a target of raising £70 for a local charity. So far, they have raised £49.
How much more do they need to raise to reach their target?
£21
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3. A teacher has 45 pencils. She gives out 28 to the new children in her class.
How many are left?

4. Janine buys a packet of crisps for 63p. She paid with 80p.
How much change will she get?

5. A florist has 72 roses. She sells 37 in one day.
How many are left?

6. Marcel has 48 sweets. He shares 23 between his friends.
How many does he have left?

7. A farmer has 84 cows. He takes 46 to a new field.
How many are left behind?

8. A class has a target of raising £75 for a local charity. So far, they have raised £49.
How much more do they need to raise to reach their target?

9. A teacher has 64 books to mark. He has marked 36.
How many has he got left to mark?

10. A teacher prints 64 copies of a worksheet and only 27 are used.
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38
8. A class has a target of raising £75 for a local charity. So far, they have raised £49.
How much more do they need to raise to reach their target?
£26
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How many pairs did she throw away?

2. There are 58 children at a party. 12 children do not join in with the game.
Half way through, 17 children leave the game. How many children are left playing?

3. A teacher has 95 pencils in a cupboard. She gives out 28 to the new children in her class, puts
34 in a tray and the rest back in the cupboard. How many are put back in the cupboard?

4. Janine buys a packet of crisps for 53p. She paid with a 50p and 20p coin.
How much change will she get?

5. A florist has 72 roses. In one day, 33 are sold and 13 are thrown away. How many are left?

6. Marcel has 48 sweets. He shares 23 between his friends and eats 9.
How many does he have left?

7. A farmer has 84 cows. He takes 36 to a new field and 17 to a barn. How many are left behind?

8. A class has a target of raising £100 for a local charity. So far, they have raised £49, and
another £29 is promised. How much more do they need to raise to reach their target?

9. Two teachers have 94 books to mark. One has marked 36 and the other has marked 27.
How many books are left to mark?

10. A teacher prints 64 copies of a worksheet. At the end, the teacher finds there are 17 left
unused and 28 have been handed in to mark. How many of the worksheets are missing?

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£22
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