

1 Word Problems

Read carefully. Think about what is happening.

Emma collected 76 shells. She gave 42 to her sister for a craft project. How many shells does Emma have left?

Draw or write your thinking: _____
_____ shells

The library had 88 books. They gave 32 to another school. How many books are left?

Draw or write your thinking: _____
_____ books

A farmer had 87 birds. 24 flew away when a cat appeared. How many birds are left?

Draw or write your thinking: _____
_____ birds

2 Compare Differences

Solve both. Which difference is bigger? Explain *WITHOUT* calculating first.

A: $79 - 45 =$ _____

B: $87 - 23 =$ _____

Before calculating, which do you think is bigger? _____ A _____ or
_____ B _____

My thinking: _____

After calculating, which is actually bigger? _____ A _____ or
_____ B _____

3 Two-Step Problem

Solve step by step. Write each answer.

Sarah had 57 stickers. She gave 23 to Tom. Then she gave 10 to her mom. How many stickers does Sarah have left?

Step 1: _____

Step 2: _____

Total left: _____ stickers

4 Create Your Own

Create Your Own Word Problem

Write a subtraction word problem about something you like (sports, animals, games, etc.). Then solve it.

Answer: _____