Subtraction Word Problems (A)

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Date: _____

Solve each problem. Show your work in the box.

1. Eugene noticed the temperature had dropped by 8 degrees from 17. What was the new temperature?

2. Theresa had $12 and she spent $7. How much did she have left?

3. Judy was watching a new tv series that had 12 episodes. She already watched 6 episodes. How many more did she have to watch?

4. Noah took pictures of different lizards for a science project. He wanted 20 pictures altogether, but he only had 11 pictures so far. How many more pictures did he need?

Subtraction Word Problems (A) Answers

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Solve each problem. Show your work in the box.

1. Eugene noticed the temperature had dropped by 8 degrees from 17. What was the new temperature?

$$17 - 8 = 9$$

2. Theresa had $12 and she spent $7. How much did she have left?

$$12 - 7 = 5$$

3. Judy was watching a new tv series that had 12 episodes. She already watched 6 episodes. How many more did she have to watch?

$$12 - 6 = 6$$

4. Noah took pictures of different lizards for a science project. He wanted 20 pictures altogether, but he only had 11 pictures so far. How many more pictures did he need?

$$20 - 11 = 9$$

Subtraction Word Problems (B)

Name: _____

Date: _____

Solve each problem. Show your work in the box.

5. Together, Russell and Denise, owned 15 pairs of shoes. Denise owned 8 pairs. How many did Russell own?

6. For a dog competition, Dylan was teaching his dog 13 different tricks. His dog could already do 8 tricks. How many more tricks did his dog have to learn?

7. Jane was helping her mom build a deck. Her mom needed 17 boards and Jane had already brought 10. How many more did she have to bring?

8. Howard and his dad were cooking dinner for the family. His dad wanted Howard to peel 24 potatoes. He looked at his pile and counted 12 already peeled. How many more did he still have to peel?

Subtraction Word Problems (B) Answers

Name: _____

Date: _____

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5. Together, Russell and Denise, owned 15 pairs of shoes. Denise owned 8 pairs. How many did Russell own?

$$15 - 8 = 7$$

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$$13 - 8 = 5$$

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$$17 - 10 = 7$$

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$$24 - 12 = 12$$

Subtraction Word Problems (C)

Name: _____   Date: _____

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9. Madison was running a half marathon (13 miles). She just passed the seven mile mark. How much further did she have to go?

10. Fred was 12 years old. His parents said as soon as he turned 18, he could go to college. How many years does he have to wait before he can go to college?

11. Juan was one of 9 boys in a class of 21 students. How many girls were in the class?

12. Diana weeded flower beds for seniors on weekends. She usually weeded 20 flower beds over the weekend and managed to finish 10 of them on Saturday. How many did she have left for Sunday?

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Subtraction Word Problems (D)

Name: _____

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13. Irene took her $10 allowance and split it into $1 bills, so she could donate $1 to each Salvation Army box she saw. So far, she had seen 5 boxes. How many more boxes does she have to see before she runs out of money?

14. Annie and Gabriel were on a 15 mile canoe trip. They had already paddled 9 miles. How many miles did they have left?

15. Randy had 11 uncles and great uncles altogether. Five of them had mustaches. How many of them didn't have mustaches?

16. Ruby was helping her uncle study orcas in the harbor. So far, they had identified 20 orcas. Twelve of them were females; how many were males?

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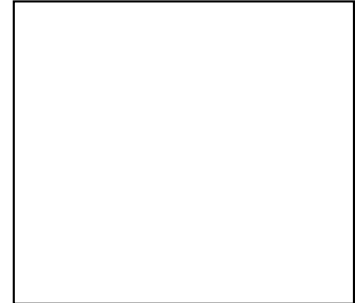
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Date: _____

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17. Natalie's family went to the food bank. This week they got 10 cans of beans and 15 cans of food altogether. How many cans were not beans?

18. A football team had 18 points and was leading by 7 points. How many points did the other team have?

19. Phillip bought a game for $19 and sold it for $10 a week later because he didn't like it. How much did he lose?

20. Logan gave 11 of his 22 toys to a Christmas toy drive. How many toys did he keep?

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Subtraction Word Problems (F)

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21. Florence planted 16 beet seeds and 8 are already sprouting. How many more need to sprout?

22. In a group of 19 people, 7 had hay fever. How many did not have hay fever?

23. In Clarence's class one day, 10 out of 18 students were wearing blue shirts. How many were wearing other colors?

24. Kathy didn't do so well on her test. Out of 14 questions, she got 7 wrong. On the bright side, how many did she get correct?

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25. If 14 year old Louise was six years older than her brother, Ernest, how old was her brother?

26. Seventeen bears had come into Travis's town this summer. The conservation officer had caught 11 of them and put them back into the forest far away from town. How many more bears did the conservation officer have to catch?

27. Tammy's family was having a family reunion. So far, Tammy had found beds for 12 of her relatives, but she was expecting 23 relatives. How many more beds did she need to find?

28. Craig drove 22 minutes to get to work. Crystal only had to drive 10 minutes to get to work. How much shorter was Crystal's drive?

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30. Phyllis's birthday was on October 21, but it was only October 11. How many more days until her birthday?

31. Jimmy wanted to read one book a day for two weeks. After two weeks, he had only read 9 books. How many books short of his goal was he?

32. Francis was encouraging his younger brother to learn math, so he turned just about everything into a math problem. One day, his brother asked how old he was, so he said, "You are 7 and if you add our ages together, you'll get 16." How old was Francis?

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34. A restaurant was really busy and had served 8 of their 19 tables. How many more tables did they still have to serve?

35. A group of 18 Girl Scouts was hiking to their campsite. The leader counted that 9 had arrived already. How many were still hiking?

36. A doctor had worked at the hospital for 17 hours straight. He was only supposed to work for 12 hours at a time. How many extra hours did he work this time?

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39. Edna was taking a babysitting course which was every Tuesday evening for 13 weeks. During the last class, which was the fifth class, she and her 12 classmates learned the 10 most important things to do when babysitting. How many more classes does she have?

40. Alex was canoeing with his scout troop. They had to complete 13 portages which meant carrying everything, including the 4 canoes over land. They already completed 6 portages and all 8 canoeists were doing well. How many portages did they have left?

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