Word Problems

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Subtraction Facts

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Subtracting: 1's

Set 1:

1.   Sarah's cat had four kittens. Sarah gave her friend one kitten. How many kittens did Sarah have left?

2.   Juan had five dollars. He spent one dollar at the store. How much money did Juan have left?

3.   Ben's mom gave him six quarters to play video games. He lost one quarter on the way there. How many quarters does he still have?

4.   Jennifer found eight shells on the beach. She gave her younger brother one. How many shells did Jennifer have left?

5.   Daniel brought ten pencils to school. Jerry brought one less. How many pencils did Jerry bring to school?

6.   Brian saved up a dozen homework passes. He used one this week. How many homework passes does Brian have left?

7.   There are eleven black markers in the box and only one red marker. How many more black markers are there?

Set 2

1. Jack had a pair gloves. He lost one in the snow. How many gloves did Jack have left?

2. There were eight swings at the park. One was broken. How many swings were safe to play on?

3. The theme park had nine roller coasters. Michael and his family rode all except for one ride. How many rides did Michael and his family ride?

4. Ten friends went bowling. All but one ate pizza. How many friends ate pizza?

5. Samantha wanted to buy five candy bars. Her mom said she could buy one less. How many candy bars was Samantha able to buy?

6. Rachel brought $4 for the book fair. She bought a poster for one dollar. How much money did she have left?

7. Zach had eleven water balloons. One balloon broke as he filled it with water. How many balloons did he still have?

Set 3

1.   There was only one cupcake on the plate. My dad ate one cupcake. How many cupcakes are left?

2.   Six friends played tag in the park. One friend went home. How many friends still played at the park?

3.   There were seven sharp pencils in the cup. Manny took one sharp pencil from the cup. How many sharp pencils were left in the cup?

4.   The jug was full with eleven cups of water. John drank one cup of water. How many cups of water were left in the jug?

5.   Nine boys were invited to a birthday party. All except one boy came to the party. How many boys attended the party?

6.   The marker box came with ten markers. One purple marker is missing. How many markers are in the box?

7.   Ben and Jasmine have to wash three cars today. They washed one before lunch. How many cars to they still need to wash?

Set 4

1.   Mom set out four dry towels. One towel fell in the pool. How many dry towels are left?

2.   There are eleven students in an art class. One student is absent today. How many students are present today?

3.   Holly tried to hit the ten bowling pins. She only hit one pin her first turn. How many pins did she have left to knock down?

4.   Cathy had one dollar in quarters. She spent one quarter. How many quarters did she have left?

5.   Mom made a dozen cookies for the bake sale. Dad ate one cookie. How many cookies were left to sell?

6.   There were five seats in the second row. Someone sat in one seat in the second row. How many open seats were left?

7.   Evan's mom put two pieces of fruit in his lunchbox. He traded Manuel one piece of fruit for a piece of candy. How many pieces of fruit did Evan have left?

Set 5

1. Shelly bought five stickers. She stuck one onto her folder. How many stickers did Shelly have left to share with her friends?

2. Jermaine's bicycle had one flat tire. How many tires were not flat?

3. Joel earned eight tickets at the carnival. He gave his sister one ticket. How many tickets did Joel have left to use at the prize counter?

4. Amanda received three birthday cards in the mail. One card had money in it. How many cards did not have money in them?

5. There were ten balloons floating next to the tree. One popped on a branch. How many balloons were still floating?

6. Seven ducks were swimming in a pond. One duck flew away. How many ducks were left in the pond?

7. The test had seven problems on it. Terrell solved one problem. How many problems did Terrell have left to solve?

Subtracting: 0's

Set 1:

1. Terry's dog had four puppies. She decided not to give any away. How many puppies did Terry have left?

2. Derek had five dollars. He did not spend any money at the candy store. How much money did Derek have left?

3. Ben's mom gave him six quarters to play video games. He decided to save his quarters for the book fair. How many quarters does he still have?

4. Jennifer found eight shells on the beach. She gave her friend zero shells. How many shells did Jennifer have left?

5. Daniel brought ten pencils to school. He did not share his pencils with anyone. How many pencils did Daniel have left?

6. Brian saved up a dozen homework passes for extra credit. He never used any of them. How many homework passes does Brian have left?

7. There are eleven black markers in the box and zero red markers. How many more black markers are there?

Set 2

1.   Maria put a pair of mittens in the lunch basket. Zero mittens were missing after lunch. How many mittens did Maria have left?

2.   There were nine swings at the park. Zero was broken. How many swings were safe to play on?

3.   Michelle brought two bottles of water to the water park. While she was there, she only drank water from the water fountain. How many bottles of water did Michelle have left?

4.   Ten friends went to the movies. All of the friends bought popcorn. Nobody bought candy. How many more friends bought popcorn than bought candy?

5.   Cynthia made five scarves to sell at the craft fair. She did not sell any scarves. How many scarves did Cynthia have left?

6.   Brian brought $4 to summer camp for a snack. He was so busy playing that he never bought his snack. How much money did he have left?

7.   On Friday, Yareth counted eleven insects in the tub. When she returned on Monday she found that zero insects escaped. How many insects were left on Monday?

Set 3

1. There was one jacket in the Lost and Found. Nobody claimed the jacket. How many jackets were left in the Lost and Found?

2. Six friends played tag in the park. Zero friends went home for lunch. How many friends still played at the park?

3. There were seven sharp pencils in the cup. Nobody took a pencil from the cup today. How many sharp pencils were left in the cup?

4. The bag was full with eleven apples in it. Zero apples were eaten. How many apples were left in the bag?

5. Nine girls were at a slumber party. None of the girls actually slept? How many girls stayed up all night?

6. The marker box came with ten markers. Zero markers are missing. How many markers are in the box?

7. Erica and Nathan have to fold three loads of laundry. They did not fold any laundry before lunch. How many loads do they have to fold after lunch?

Set 4

1. Mom set out four dry towels. It was so hot outside that nobody used a towel to dry off. How many dry towels are left?

2. There are eleven students in a music class. Zero students are absent. How many students are present today?

3. Helen tried to hit the ten bowling pins. Her ball went into the gutter and she hit zero pins. How many pins did she have left to knock down?

4. Carmen had one dollar in quarters. She spent zero quarters. How many quarters did she have left?

5. Mom made a dozen cookies for the bake sale. She didn't let Dad eat any of them. How many cookies were left to sell?

6. There were five students in the front row. Nobody moved to another row. How many students were left in the front row?

7. Mike's mom put two pieces of fruit in his lunchbox. Nobody would trade for Mike's fruit. How many pieces of fruit did Mike have left?

Set 5

1. Shannon bought five pickles. She didn't eat any of them. How many pickles did Shannon have left to share with her friends?

2. George tied two balloons to his wrist. Zero balloons floated away. How many balloons did George have left?

3. Jocelyn earned eight tokens for good behavior. The teacher took zero tokens away. How many tokens did Jocelyn have left to use for the prize box?

4. Erin received three birthday cards. None of the cards had money in them. How many cards did not have money in them?

5. There were ten balloons floating next to the tree. None of the balloons popped. How many balloons were left floating?

6.   Seven ducks were swimming in a pond. Zero ducks flew away. How many ducks were left in the pond?

7. The test had seven problems on it. Travis skipped zero problems. How many problems did Travis solve?

Subtracting: 2's

Set 1:

1.   Terry's dog had six puppies. She gave away 2 puppies.   How many puppies did Terry have left?

2.   Adam had eight dollars. He spent two dollars at the Dollar Store. How much money did Adam have left?

3.   Benjamin's mom gave him a dozen quarters to play video games. He only used two quarters. How many quarters does he still have?

4.   Margaret found nine fossils. She gave her friend two fossils. How many fossils did Margaret have left?

5.   Ricky brought two pencils to school. He gave away both pencils. How many pencils did Ricky have left?

6.   James saved up a five restroom passes. He used two passes this week. How many restroom passes does James have left?

7.   There are ten black markers in the box and two red markers. How many more black markers than red markers are in the box?

Set 2

1.   Maria had seven hair ties. She gave two to her sister. How many hair ties does Maria have left?

2.   There were three balls in the basket. Two balls were flat. How many balls were not flat?

3.   Patricia brought four bottles of water to the ball game. She drank two bottles of water. How many bottles of water did she have left?

4.   Eleven friends were playing kickball at recess. Two students were called back to class for detention. How many friends were left playing kickball?

5.   Susan painted eight rocks to sell at the craft fair. She sold two rocks. How many rocks did Susan have left?

6.   Mark earned $9. He spent two dollars at the Snack Shack. How much money does Mark have left?

7.   On Friday, Donna counted six cocoons in the butterfly habitat. When she returned on Monday she discovered two butterflies in the habitat. How many cocoons were left?

Set 3

1.   There were five coats in the Lost and Found. Two coats were claimed. How many coats were left in the Lost and Found?

2.   A dozen friends played soccer in the school yard. Two friends left to sit in the shade. How many friends were left playing soccer?

3.   There were ten sharp pencils and two broken pencils in the cup. How many more sharp pencils were in the cup than broken pencils?

4.   There were four oranges on a tree. Jeff picked two oranges from the tree. How many oranges were left on the tree?

5.   The silver team had three points. The substitute teacher took away two points because they were talking. How many points does the silver team have left?

6.   There were eleven books on the shelf. Karen checked out two books. How many books were left on the shelf?

7.   Paul must wash seven dishes. He already washed two dishes. How many dishes does Paul have left to wash?

Set 4

1.   Dad grilled eight hotdogs and two pieces of chicken. How many more hotdogs than pieces of chicken did Dad grill?

2.   There are eleven students in a computer class. Two students are absent. How many students are present today?

3.   Lisa wants to earn $10. So far she has earned two dollars. How much more money does she still want to earn?

4.   Sandra had one dollar in quarters. She spent two quarters. How many quarters did she have left?

5.   Mom made a dozen cookies for the bake sale.   Dad ate two of them. How many cookies were left to sell?

6.   There were five students in the front row and two fewer students in the second row. How many students were in the second row?

7.   Kevin's mom put two pieces of fruit in his lunchbox. Kevin gave both pieces of fruit away. How many pieces of fruit did Kevin have left?

Set 5

1.   Sherry bought five erasers. She gave two erasers away. How many erasers did Sherry have left?

2.   Steven caught two ladybugs in the field. Both ladybugs flew away. How many ladybugs did Steven have left?

3.   Nancy has eight marbles. Chris only has two marbles. How many more marbles does Nancy have than Chris?

4.   Darrell ordered three books. He only received two books. How many books is he still waiting for?

5.   There were ten balloons floating next to the tree. Two balloons popped. How many balloons were left floating?

6.   Seven babies were playing together on the floor. Two babies crawled away. How many babies were left playing together on the floor?

7.   The test had seven problems on it. Nicky skipped two problems. How many problems did Nicky solve?

Subtracting Sames

Set 1:

1.   There were a dozen eggs in the carton. Mom used 12 eggs for breakfast. How many eggs were left in the carton?

2.   Joshua had eight dollars. He spent eight dollars at 7-11. How much money did Joshua have left?

3.   Emily's mom gave her four quarters for the arcade. She spent one dollar in quarters. How many quarters does she have left?

4.   Madison found five fossils. She donated all of them to her class collection. How many fossils did Madison have left?

5.   Chris brought four pencils to school. Somehow he lost his four pencils. How many pencils did Chris have left?

6.   There were nine cans of food in the cupboard. Alexis brought nine cans of food for the food drive. How many cans of food were left in the cupboard?

7.   There were eleven white board markers in the box. The teacher passed out eleven markers. How many markers were left in the box?

Set 2

1. Abby had seven clean shirts in her drawer. If she wore a clean shirt every day of the week, how many clean shirts were left in her drawer after the week?

2. There were three jump ropes in the basket. Three students each took one jump rope to play with. How many jump ropes were left in the basket?

3. Olivia brought 10 juice boxes for the party. All ten juice boxes were taken. How many juice boxes did Olivia have left to bring home?

4. Andrew had a pair of Twinkies in his lunchbox. He ate two Twinkies.   How many Twinkies did Andrew have left?

5. Jessica had one popsicle. She set it down to play. By the time she came back to it, the popsicle had melted. How many popsicles does Jessica have left?

6. Anthony found $6 in his room. He donated six dollars to the fundraiser. How much money does Anthony have left?

7. On Friday, Alyssa counted six caterpillars in the butterfly habitat. When she returned on Monday she discovered six cocoons in the habitat. How many caterpillars were left?

Set 3

1.　　There were five coats in the Lost and Found. Five students found their coats in the Lost and Found.   How many coats were left in the Lost and Found?

2.　　Three birds were perched on a tree branch. All of the birds flew away. How many birds were left on the tree branch?

3.　　There were eight sharp pencils in the cup. During the day, eight students borrowed a pencil from the cup. How many sharp pencils were left in the cup?

4.　　There were half a dozen donuts in the box. The family ate six donuts. How many donuts were left in the box?

5.　　Taylor had ten papers in his folder. When he was walking home he dropped his folder and all of the papers blew away. How many papers did Taylor have left in his folder?

6.　　There were a dozen girls in the class and twelve boys in the class? How many more girls than boys were in the class?

7.　　For homework the class has to learn 10 math facts by Friday. Brianna already knows the ten math facts. How many more math facts does Brianna have to learn by Friday?

Set 4

1.   Tyler is allowed to play seven hours of video games per week. He played one hour each day for a week. How many hours does he have left to play?

2.   There are nine boys and nine girls in an art class. How many more boys than girls are in the art class?

3.   Alex has $8. He spent $8 at the toy store. How much money does Alex have left?

4.   Anna had one dollar in quarters. She spent four quarters. How many quarters did she have left?

5.   Mom made a dozen cookies for the bake sale.   She sold 12 cookies. How many cookies were left?

6.   There were five birds in the cage. Somebody bought all of the birds. How many birds were left in the cage?

7.   There were nine diving sticks at the bottom of the pool.   Destiny dove in the pool and gathered nine diving sticks. How many diving sticks were left at the bottom of the pool?

Set 5

1.   There were eleven gel pens in the Student Store. Eleven students each bought one. How many gel pens were left in the Student Store?

2.   Megan collected seven leaves. She left them outside and they all blew away. How many leaves does Megan have left?

3.   Sophia put three cookies on the table. When she walked away her dog ate all three cookies off the table. How many cookies were left when Sophia came back?

4.   Jordan had ten pieces of candy. Jordan and nine friends each ate a piece of candy. How many pieces of candy does Jordan have left?

5.   There was a pair of birds sitting on the fence. Two birds flew away. How many birds were left sitting on the fence?

6.   There was one ice cream cone left in the box. Eric's brother ate the last ice cream cone. How many ice cream cones were left in the box?

7.   The quiz had half a dozen problems to solve. Allison solved six of the problems. How many problems did Allison have left to solve?

Subtracting From 10

Set 1:

1.	Ken had to write ten sentences for homework. He already wrote eight sentences. How many sentences does Ken have left to write?

2.	There are ten chapters in Jonathan's book. He read five chapters so far. How many chapters does he have left to read?

3.	Emma's mom gave her ten quarters. She spent one dollar. How many quarters does she have left?

4.	Marcus found ten seashells on the beach. He gave one to his teacher. How many shells does Marcus have left?

5.	Tim swam ten laps. Jesse swam nine laps. How many more laps did Tim swim than Jesse?

6.	Matt has to walk ten blocks to school. He already walked seven blocks. How much farther does Matt need to walk?

7.	Sam built a tower with ten blocks. His sister took two blocks off the top. How many blocks did Sam's tower have left?

Set 2

1.   Mom had to ten gifts to wrap. After wrapping three gifts, how many more gifts does she have left to wrap?

2.   The music teacher set out ten instruments for the students to play. Henry chose to play the triangle. How many instruments were left to choose from?

3.   Melanie can jump rope ten times. Kristy can only jump rope twice. How many more times can Melanie jump rope than Kristy?

4.   Dan's string is ten units long. Tim's string is six units smaller. How long is Tim's string?

5.   It takes Mary ten minutes to walk home and only four minutes to ride her bike home. How much more time does it take her to walk home?

6.   A toy cost eight dollars. Mom paid with a ten dollar bill. How much change did Mom receive?

7.   There are ten days until Winter Break! How many days will be left after a week has passed?

Set 3

1.	There are ten red counters and four yellow counters in a cup. How many more red counters than yellow counters are in the cup?

2.	Ten students turned their homework in. Three less students did not. How many students did not turn in their homework?

3.	Ten children played soccer. Five were girls. How many were boys?

4.	Tyler has ten cousins. Two are boys. How many are girls?

5.	There are ten books in Emma's favorite series. She has already read two books in the series. How many more books does she have left to read?

6.	Martin prepaid for ten lunches. He already ate nine lunches. How many lunches does he have left?

7.	Mom put ten carrots on Tammy's plate. Tammy ate ten carrots. How many carrots were left on Tammy's plate?

Set 4

1.   Paul took ten baseballs to the park. He lost four over the fence. How many baseballs did he have left?

2.   Amy has ten fish. Vince has six fewer fish. How many fish does Vince have?

3.   The game Bob wants to buy is $10. He has one dollar. How much more money does Bob need to buy the game?

4.   There were ten bicycles locked in the bike rack. Ten students rode their bikes home. How many bikes were left in the bike rack?

5.   Jessica counted ten leaves on the sidewalk. Eight leaves blew away. How many leaves were left on the sidewalk?

6.   The box had ten chocolates in it. Mom ate two. How many chocolates were left in the box?

7.   Ten players came to practice. Three of them were girls. How many were boys?

Set 5

1.   There were ten markers in the box. Nine of them were dried out. How many markers still worked?

2.   Ten friends played Hide and Seek. One friend was It. How many friends hid?

3.   It took Carmen ten seconds to swim across the pool. It took her sister only seven seconds to swim across the pool. How much faster can her sister swim across the pool?

4.   There were ten questions on the board. Alan answered five. How many more questions does Alan have left to answer?

5.   Nicole has ten red ribbons and eight blue ribbons. What is the difference of red and blue ribbons?

6.   Ten students earned A's on the math test. Six students earned B's on the math test. How many more students earned A's on the math test?

7.   There were ten shoes near the front door. My dog chewed a pair of shoes. How many shoes were not chewed?

Subtracting: 10

Set 1:

1.   Jesse has $15 and Cole has $10. How much more money does Jesse have than Cole?

2.   Jennifer had a dozen Rice Krispy Treats. She shared ten with her softball team. How many did she have left?

3.   There were eleven kids playing Musical Chairs and only ten chairs. How many more kids were there than chairs?

4.   Alyssa is fourteen years old. Her brother is ten years old. How much older is Alyssa?

5.   Terry had $1 worth of dimes. She used 10 dimes at the candy store. How many dimes did Terry have left?

6.   Sally is sixteen years old. Molly is ten years old. What is the difference in their ages?

7.   Thomas read thirteen books during the summer. Frank read ten books during the summer. How many more books did Thomas read?

Set 2

1.   There were twenty party hats in a package. Only ten kids wore the hats. How many extra hats were there?

2.   Jeremy planted twenty seeds. Two weeks later he noticed ten sprouts in the soil. How many seeds had not sprouted yet?

3.   Tara has two ribbons. One is twenty-one centimeters long and the other is ten centimeters long. What is the difference of length of the ribbons?

4.   The baker had two dozen eggs. The recipe called for ten eggs. How many eggs did the baker have left?

5.   Mom bought two feet of wrapping paper. She used ten inches to wrap a gift. How many inches of wrapping paper does she have left?

6.   Wendy sold twenty-five items for the fundraiser. Victor only sold ten. How many fewer items did Victor sell than Wendy?

7.   Jasmine scored seventeen goals during the season. Becky scored ten goals. How many more goals did Jasmine score?

Set 3

1. Brandon had exactly three dimes in his piggy bank. He used ten cents. How much money did he have left in his piggy bank?

2. There were twenty-nine students in a class. Ten students brought their lunch. How many students are getting hot lunch?

3. There were seventeen children playing in a park. Ten of them were girls. How many were boys?

4. Mrs. Johnson has thirty-six students in her class. Ten students earned Perfect Attendance awards this semester. How many students did not?

5. Henry weighs forty pounds and his baby sister only weighs ten pounds. How much heavier is Henry than his little sister?

6. There are thirty-one days in this month. Ten days have already gone by. How many days are left in this month?

7. In the afternoon, the water was fifty degrees. At night it cooled down ten degrees. What was the temperature at night?

Set 4

1.   Sandra has twenty-nine new messages. She already read ten of the messages. How many messages does Sandra have left to read?

2.   There are forty paper plates in a package. We used ten during the picnic. How many plates are left?

3.   Mom had thirty-six dollars in her wallet. She used a ten dollar bill to buy gas. How much money did she have left?

4.   Glen is fifteen years old. His cousin is ten years old. How much older is Glen?

5.   Melissa had a quarter. She bought an eraser for ten cents. How much change did she get back?

6.   There were thirty markers in the bucket. Ten of them were dried out. How many markers still worked?

7.   James must complete thirty-five math problems for homework. He completed ten problems already. How many more does he need to complete?

Set 5

1.   Nelson gathered twenty-two eggs and Martha gathered ten eggs. How many more eggs did Nelson gather than Martha?

2.   A park had two slides, one slide is twenty-two feet long and the other is ten feet long. What is the difference of the lengths of the slides?

3.   Mason wants to buy a skateboard for fifty dollars. He has already saved ten dollars. How much more money does he need to save?

4.   Sam has forty-five dollars in his savings account. Jeremy has ten less dollars in his savings account. How much money does Jeremy have in his savings account?

5.   Carrie jumped roped twenty-eight times. Mary jumped ten fewer times. How many times did Mary jump rope?

6.   Mom had one foot of wrapping paper. She used ten inches to wrap a gift. How many inches of wrapping paper were left?

7.   Denise slept ten hours in one day. How many hours was she awake?

Subtracting Nine

Set 1:

1.   Anna has $15 and Mark has $9. How much more money does Anna have than Mark?

2.   Jennifer had a dozen crackers. She shared nine with her volleyball team. How many did she have left?

3.   Eleven kids wanted to jump rope. There were only nine jump ropes. How many more kids were there than jump ropes?

4.   Mira is fourteen years old. Her sister is nine years old. How much older is Mira?

5.   Terry had $1 worth of dimes. She used nine dimes at the candy store. How many dimes did Terry have left?

6.   Sally is sixteen years old. Molly is nine years old. What is the difference in their ages?

7.   Thomas read thirteen books during the summer. Frank read nine books during the summer. How many more books did Thomas read?

Set 2

1. There were twenty whiteboards in the bin. Only nine students used one each. How many extra whiteboards were there?

2. Jeremy planted nineteen seeds. Two weeks later he noticed nine sprouts in the soil. How many seeds had not sprouted yet?

3. Tara has two ribbons. One is twenty-one centimeters long and the other is nine centimeters long. What is the difference of length of the ribbons?

4. The baker had a dozen eggs. The recipe called for nine eggs. How many eggs did the baker have left?

5. Mom bought one yard of wrapping paper. She used nine inches to wrap a gift. How many inches of wrapping paper does she have left?

6. Wendy sold twenty-five items for the fundraiser. Victor only sold nine. How many fewer items did Victor sell than Wendy?

7. Jasmine scored seventeen goals during the season. Becky scored nine goals. How many more goals did Jasmine score?

Set 3

1. Brandon had exactly two dimes in his pocket. He used nine cents. How much money did he have left in his pocket?

2. There were twenty-eight students in a class. Nine students brought their lunch. How many students are getting hot lunch?

3. There were seventeen children playing in a park. Nine of them were girls. How many were boys?

4. Mrs. Smith has thirty-six students in her class. Nine students earned A Honor Roll awards this semester. How many students did not?

5. Henry weighs thirty-nine pounds and his baby sister only weighs nine pounds. How much heavier is Henry than his little sister?

6. There are thirty-one days in this month. Nine days have already gone by. How many days are left in this month?

7. Lunch is at noon. It is only 9:00 A.M. How many hours until lunch?

Set 4

1.   Sandra has twenty-eight new messages. She already read nine of the messages. How many messages does Sandra have left to read?

2.   There were fourteen sodas in the cooler. We drank nine during the picnic. How many sodas are left?

3.   Mom had thirty-six dollars in her wallet. She used nine dollars to buy a t-shirt. How much money did she have left?

4.   Glen is fifteen years old. His cousin is nine years old. How much older is Glen?

5.   Melissa has eleven pieces of candy. Saul has nine pieces of candy. How much less candy does Saul have?

6.   There were eighteen markers in the bucket. Nine of them were dried out. How many markers still worked?

7.   James must complete twenty-five math problems for homework. He completed nine problems already. How many more does he need to complete?

Set 5

1.   Nelson gathered twenty-two strawberries and Martha gathered nine strawberries. How many more strawberries did Nelson gather than Martha?

2.   A park had two slides, one slide is twenty-one feet long and the other is nine feet long. What is the difference of the lengths of the slides?

3.   Mason wants to buy a pair of shoes for thirty-five dollars. He has already saved nine dollars. How much more money does he need to save?

4.   Sam has twenty-five dollars in his savings account. Jeremy has nine less dollars in his savings account. How much money does Jeremy have in his savings account?

5.   Carrie scored eighteen baskets. Mary scored nine fewer baskets. How many baskets did Mary score?

6.   Tim had one foot of string. He used nine inches of string to make his mom a necklace. How many inches of string did he have left?

7.   Pat is sixteen years old and Misty is nine years old. What is the difference in their ages?

Set 1:

1.   Ken had to read a chapter that was sixteen pages long for homework. He already read seven pages. How many more pages does Ken have to read?

2.   There are thirteen chapters in Jim's book. He read four chapters so far. How many chapters does he have left to read?

3.   Claudia's mom gave her fifteen dollars to go to the movies. She spent six dollars on the ticket. How much money does she have left to buy snacks?

4.   The red team earned thirty points and the blue team earned twenty-one points. How many more points does the red team have?

5.   There are ten fish and one turtle in an aquarium. How many more fish are there than turtles?

6.   Tara is eleven years old. Her brother is two years younger than her. How old is Tara's brother?

7.   Ellen built a tower with twelve blocks. Her sister took three blocks off the top. How many blocks did Ellen's tower have left?

Set 2

1.   Ten friends played Hide and Seek. One friend was it. How many friends hid?

2.   The P.E. teacher set out twenty-two flags to play Flag Football.   Only thirteen flags were used. How many flags were not used?

3.   Ally must read for thirty minutes in the evening. She already read twenty-one minutes. How many more minutes must Ally read?

4.   It took Jackie thirty-four minutes to complete her math homework. It took Regina twenty-five fewer minutes to complete her math homework. How many minutes did it take Regina to complete her homework?

5.   It takes Mary twenty-five minutes to walk home and only sixteen minutes to ride her bike home. How much more time does it take her to walk home?

6.   The price of a book was eleven dollars. Mom paid with a twenty dollar bill. How much change did Mom receive?

7.   There are thirty-one days in this month. Twenty-two days have already passed. How many days are left in this month?

Set 3

1.   There are thirty-four red counters and twenty-five yellow counters in a cup. How many more red counters than yellow counters are in the cup?

2.   Twelve students turned their homework in. Three fewer students did not. How many students did not turn in their homework?

3.   Eighteen children played kickball. Nine were girls. How many were boys?

4.   Mary's backpack weighed thirty-two ounces. When she took her math book out, it was twenty-three ounces lighter. How much did her backpack weigh without her math book?

5.   Max watched a T.V. program for thirty minutes last night. The actual show was twenty-one minutes long. How many minutes were the commercials?

6.   Claudia prepaid for twenty-one lunches. If she has twelve lunches left, how many did she already have?

7.   Dad gave mom a dozen roses. Three of them were white and the rest were red. How many roses were red?

Set 4

1.   Lance practiced hitting sixteen tennis balls. He hit seven balls over the fence. How many balls did not go over the fence?

2.   Mr. Right bought twenty-seven red and blue notebooks for his class. Eighteen of them were red. How many were blue?

3.   Jesse spent seventeen minutes cleaning his room. He spent eight fewer minutes folding laundry. How many minutes did it take Jesse to fold laundry?

4.   There were twenty-one students in the library. Twelve of them had over-due books. How many students did not?

5.   It took Matt twenty-five seconds to run across the field. Gina ran across the field in thirty-four seconds. How much faster did Matt run?

6.   There were twenty-four sodas in the box. I put fifteen of the sodas in a cooler. How many sodas were left in the box?

7.   Fourteen players came to practice. Five of them were girls. How many were boys?

Set 5

1.   There were ten markers in the box. One was dried out. How many markers still worked?

2.   Maggie folded seventeen shirts and Suzie only folded eight shirts. How many more shirts did Maggie fold?

3.   It took Karina eighteen seconds to swim across the pool. It took her brother only nine seconds to swim across the pool. How much faster can her brother swim across the pool?

4.   There were thirteen questions on the quiz. Greg skipped four questions. How many questions did Greg answer?

5.   Nicole has twenty-two red ribbons and thirteen blue ribbons. What is the difference of red and blue ribbons?

6.   Twelve students earned A's on the math test. Three students earned C's on the math test. How many more students earned A's on the math test?

7.   There were twenty coats hanging on the wall and eleven lunchboxes in the basket. How many more coats were there than lunchboxes?

Subtracting Numbers with Consecutive Even or Odd Ones Digits

Set 1:

1.   Jesse has $15 and Cole has $7. How much more money does Jesse have than Cole?

2.   Jennifer had a dozen pencils. She gave four to her friend. How many did she have left?

3.   There were eleven kids lined up to play tetherball. Three of the kids were girls. How many were boys?

4.   Alyssa is fourteen years old. Her brother is six years old. How much older is Alyssa?

5.   Terry had sixteen dollars. She spent eight dollars on a video game. How much money did Terry have left?

6.   Sally is seventeen years old. Molly is nine years old. What is the difference in their ages?

7.   Thomas read thirteen books during the summer. Frank read five books during the summer. How many more books did Thomas read?

Set 2

1. There were twelve boys riding their skateboards at the park. Only four of them wore helmets. How many boys did not wear a helmet?

2. Jeremy planted thirteen seeds. Two weeks later he noticed five sprouts in the soil. How many seeds had not sprouted yet?

3. Tara has two ribbons. One is fifteen centimeters long and the other is seven centimeters long. What is the difference of length of the ribbons?

4. Mom had eleven eggs. The recipe called for three eggs. How many eggs did Mom have left?

5. Johnny earned fourteen t tickets at the carnival. He gave his sister six tickets. How many tickets did Johnny have left to use at the prize counter?

6. Wendy sold fifteen items for the fundraiser. Victor only sold seven. How many fewer items did Victor sell than Wendy?

7. Jasmine scored seventeen goals during the season. Becky scored nine goals. How many more goals did Jasmine score?

Set 3

1.   Brandon had exactly fourteen dollars in his piggy bank. He used six dollars. How much money did he have left in his piggy bank?

2.   There were sixteen students in a class. Eight students brought their lunch. How many students are getting hot lunch?

3.   There were twelve children playing in a park. Four of them were girls. How many were boys?

4.   There were fourteen donuts in the box. The family ate six donuts. How many donuts were left in the box?

5.   Taylor had eleven papers in his folder. Three of the papers had an A on them. How many papers did not have an A?

6.   There were fifteen girls in the class and seven boys in the class? How many more girls than boys were in the class?

7.   For homework, the class has to learn twelve math facts by Friday. Brianna already knows four of the math facts. How many more math facts does Brianna have to learn by Friday?

Set 4

1.   Sandra has thirteen new messages. She already read five of the messages. How many messages does Sandra have left to read?

2.   Ken had to read a chapter that was eleven pages long for homework. He already read three pages. How many more pages does Ken have to read?

3.   Dad had seventeen dollars in his wallet. He used nine dollars to buy lunch. How much money did he have left?

4.   Glen is twelve years old. His sister is four years old. How much older is Glen?

5.   There were eleven gel pens in the Student Store. Three students each bought one. How many gel pens were left in the Student Store?

6.   Megan collected thirteen leaves. She left them outside and five blew away. How many leaves does Megan have left?

7.   James must complete sixteen math problems for homework. He completed eight problems already. How many more does he need to complete?

Set 5

1. While at the orchard, Nelson gathered twelve apples and Martha gathered four apples. How many more apples did Nelson gather than Martha?

2. A park had two slides, one slide is thirteen feet long and the other is five feet long. What is the difference of the lengths of the slides?

3. Mason wants to buy a video game for sixteen dollars. He has already saved eight dollars. How much more money does he need to save?

4. Sam has fifteen dollars in his savings account. Jeremy has seven less dollars in his savings account. How much money does Jeremy have in his savings account?

5. Carrie jumped roped rope seventeen times. Mary jumped nine fewer times. How many times did Mary jump rope?

6. The quiz had eleven word problems to solve. Allison solved three of the problems. How many problems did Allison have left to solve?

7. There were fifteen sharp pencils in the cup. During the day, seven students borrowed a pencil from the cup. How many sharp pencils were left in the cup?