

Subtraction Within 10: math practice, Kindergarten – download the PDF

21 problems graded by difficulty (★ easy, ★★ medium, ★★★ hard). Try first, without looking at the solutions!

1 Cross out the ladybugs



Six ladybugs sit on a leaf. Two ladybugs fly away. Cross out the ladybugs that fly away, then write the equation.



2 Apples in the basket



There are 5 apples in a basket. You eat 1 apple. How many apples are left? Write the equation.

3 Read the equation



Read each equation out loud with the words “minus” and “equals”, then tell how many are left.

a) $7 - 2 = 5$ b) $4 - 1 = 3$

4 Take away nothing, take away all



Solve. Use a drawing if you need help.

- a) $3 - 0 = ?$ b) $3 - 3 = ?$ c) $8 - 0 = ?$ d) $8 - 8 = ?$

5 Finish the facts



Write the missing answer.

- a) $4 - 2 = ?$ b) $5 - 3 = ?$ c) $3 - 1 = ?$ d) $2 - 1 = ?$

6 Fish in the pond



Eight fish swim in a pond. Three fish swim away under a bridge. Cross out the fish that swim away and tell how many fish stay in the pond.



7 Match the story



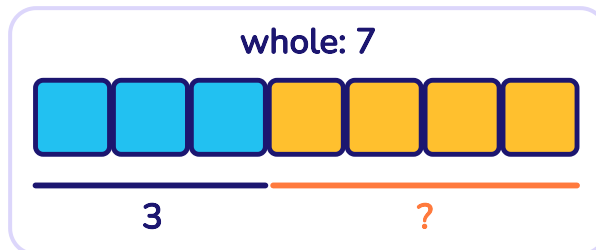
Mia has 6 stickers. She gives 2 stickers to her friend. Which equation matches the story?

- A) $6 + 2 = 8$ B) $6 - 2 = 4$

8 Taking 7 apart



Seven toy cars are parked in a row. Three are blue and the rest are orange. How many are orange? Use the bar to help you.



9 Blocks of two colors



A builder has 10 blocks. Six blocks are green and the others are yellow. Write a subtraction equation to find the number of yellow blocks.

10 Cupcakes at the party



There are 9 cupcakes on a tray. The children eat 5 cupcakes. How many cupcakes are left on the tray? Draw a picture and write the equation.

11 Hop back on the number line



Start at 8 on the number line. Hop back 3 steps. Where do you land? Write the equation.



12 True or false?



Say if each equation is true or false. If it is false, fix it.

a) $6 - 2 = 5$ b) $5 - 5 = 0$ c) $4 - 0 = 0$

13 Fact fluency challenge

Answer as fast as you can. All the numbers are 5 or less.

a) $5 - 2$ b) $4 - 3$ c) $3 - 3$ d) $5 - 4$ e) $4 - 2$ f) $2 - 0$

14 Find Leo's mistake

Leo writes $6 - 4 = 10$. What did Leo do wrong? Write the correct equation.

15 All the subtractions from 5

Write four subtraction equations that start with 5 and have an answer between 1 and 4.
Use the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 as the number you take away.

16 Birds leave in two steps

Ten birds sit on a fence. First, 3 birds fly away. Then 2 more birds fly away. How many birds are still on the fence? Write two equations.

17 How many were lost?

Ana had 9 crayons. She lost some on the bus. Now she has 6 crayons. How many crayons did she lose? Use a drawing or the equation $9 - ? = 6$.

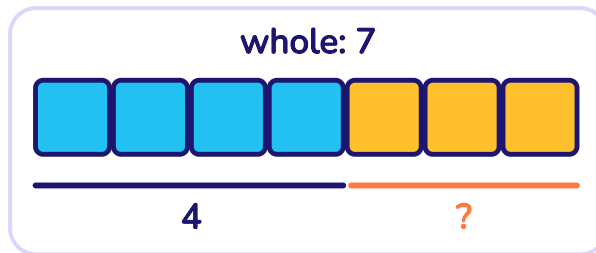
18 Which leaves more?

Story A: 8 balloons and 3 pop. Story B: 8 balloons and 5 pop. In which story are more balloons left? Write both equations.

19 Two facts from one picture



Look at the bar: a whole of 7 is made of two parts, and one part is 4. Write two subtraction equations that go with it.



20 Write your own story



Make up a short story for the equation $10 - 6 = 4$. Use any objects you like.

21 Make 5 left



Find all the subtractions with an answer of 5 where the first number is 10 or less. Start with $10 - ? = 5$ and go down one at a time.



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