
Decide: take away, compare or missing part? Then solve.

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1. There were 15 balloons. 6 popped. How many are left?		4. A shop had 72 apples and sold 38. How many apples are left?	
2. Leo has 23 marbles. Mia has 14. How many more does Leo have?		5. A book has 250 pages. Kim has read 175. How many pages are left?	
3. A class has 28 students. 13 are boys. How many are girls?		6. A tree is 64 feet tall and a house is 29 feet tall. How much taller is the tree?	

Answer key – Subtraction word problems

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3	A class has 28 students. 13 are boys. How many are girls?	15
4	A shop had 72 apples and sold 38. How many apples are left?	34
5	A book has 250 pages. Kim has read 175. How many pages are left?	75
6	A tree is 64 feet tall and a house is 29 feet tall. How much taller is the tree?	35

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