



Writing Subtraction Sentences to 20

Grade 1

Name: _____

Read each story. Write the subtraction sentence and solve.

Use counting, crossing out, or draw tens/ones to help. For picture items, write the matching subtraction sentence.

Example: 7 - 3 = 4. Answer: 4

(1) There were 12 red apples in a basket. A child ate 5 of them.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



(2) Maya had 10 balloons for her party. 3 balloons floated away.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



(3) There were 15 books on the shelf. John borrowed 7 books.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



(4) Mom baked 11 cookies. We ate 4 cookies for a snack.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



(5) Sarah had 13 pencils in her case. She gave 6 pencils to her friend.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



(6) 9 birds were sitting on a wire. 2 birds flew away. _____ -

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



(7) There were 14 flowers in the garden. We picked 8 flowers.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{🌸}$$

(8) A parking lot had 12 cars. 3 cars drove away. $\underline{\hspace{2cm}} -$

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{🚗}$$

(9) There were 10 fish swimming in the pond. 6 fish swam to the other side. $\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ 🐟

(10) Leo had 15 shiny stickers. He used 9 stickers for his project.

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{✨}$$

