




Subtraction Word Problems (1-3 Digits)


Grade 3


Name: _____

Write an equation to solve each story.

Subtract to find how many are left or the difference. Use neat subtraction. Check your work and write a sentence answer.

(1) A library had 215 books. 38 books were borrowed today. How many books are left? 

(2) Sarah picked 120 apples. She ate 15 of them. How many apples remain? 

(3) There were 92 toy cars in a box. Tom gave away 27 cars. How many toy cars are left? 



(4) A garden had 150 flowers. 45 flowers were picked for a bouquet. How many flowers are still in the garden? 🌸

(5) John had 78 marbles in a bag. He lost 19 marbles. How many marbles does John have now? 🟦

(6) A stamp collector had 185 stamps. He used 36 stamps for letters. How many stamps are left? 🟪

(7) There were 63 birds on a tree. 28 birds flew away. How many birds are still on the tree? 🐦



(8) A jar contained 200 pieces of candy. The children ate 85 pieces.
How many pieces of candy are left? 🍬

