

Addition and Subtraction 2-Step Word Problems **Answers**

1. John buys 12 pencils one week, and 7 the following week. He gives 3 pencils to his friend.
How many pencils does he have left?
16
2. Lydia has 15 marbles. She takes them to her friend's house. She loses 3 on the way and 4 in the friend's house. How many marbles does she have left?
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3. Asif has a packet of biscuits. There are 12 in the packet. He gives 6 of the biscuits to some friends. He buys another packet of 12 biscuits. How many biscuits does he have now?
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4. Amina collects 23 conkers. She gives 6 of the conkers to her brother and 8 to her sister. How many conkers does she have left?
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5. James and Zain bring their football cards to share with their friend Thomas. James brings 14 and Zain brings 11. They give Thomas 8 cards between them. How many do James and Zain have left altogether?
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6. A greengrocer has a box of apples. In the morning he sells 17 apples. In the afternoon he sells 6 apples. At the end of the day there are 11 apples left in the box. How many apples were there at the start of the day?
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7. In a school kitchen, the cook has 20 pie trays. She makes meat pies and vegetarian pies. The cook uses 8 trays for the meat pies and 7 trays for the vegetarian pies. How many trays are not used?
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8. A teacher collects a bag of 28 balls for a PE lesson. There are 3 colours of ball. There are 13 blue balls and 8 yellow balls. How many red balls are there?
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9. A farmer has 26 cows, which he keeps in 3 fields. After counting 12 in the first field and 5 in the second. How many cows would he expect to find in the third?
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10. A photographer takes 34 photographs in a day. She takes 13 in the morning and 12 in the afternoon. She takes the rest of the photographs in the evening. How many photographs does she take in the evening?
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