Subtraction Word Problems

Name _____

Grade 1, Set A · Subtracting within 20

Read each story. Write a subtraction equation in the boxes, then write your answer.

1 There are 9 cupcakes on a tray. The class eats 6. How many cupcakes are left?

9 − 6 = ☐

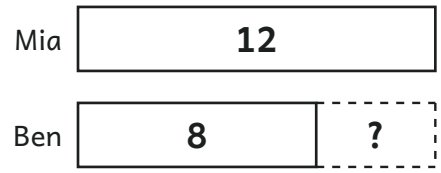
Answer: _____ cupcakes



2 Mia has 12 stickers. Ben has 8 stickers. How many more stickers does Mia have than Ben?

☐ − ☐ = ☐

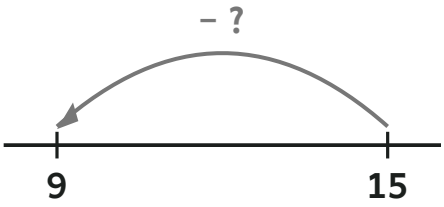
Answer: _____ stickers



3 Kai had 15 grapes. He ate some. Now he has 9 grapes. How many grapes did he eat?

☐ − ☐ = ☐

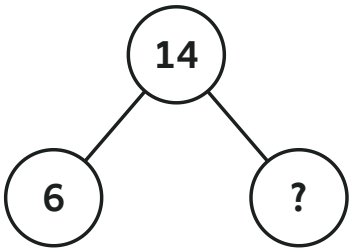
Answer: _____ grapes



4 Rosa has 14 beads. 6 are blue and the rest are green. How many beads are green?

☐ − ☐ = ☐

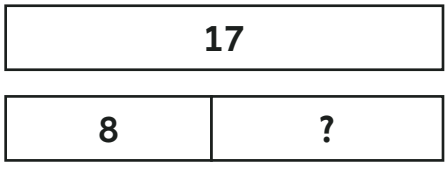
Answer: _____ green beads



5 A bus has 17 riders. 8 riders get off at the library. How many riders are still on the bus?

☐ − ☐ = ☐

Answer: _____ riders



Subtraction Word Problems (Answer Key)

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Read each story. Write a subtraction equation in the boxes, then write your answer.

1 There are 9 cupcakes on a tray. The class eats 6. How many cupcakes are left?

9 − 6 = 3

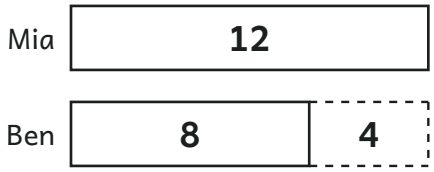
Answer: **3** cupcakes



2 Mia has 12 stickers. Ben has 8 stickers. How many more stickers does Mia have than Ben?

12 − 8 = 4

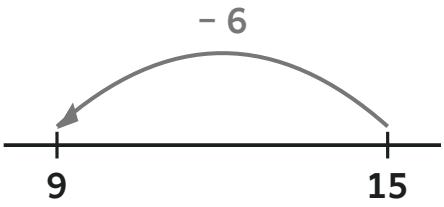
Answer: **4** stickers



3 Kai had 15 grapes. He ate some. Now he has 9 grapes. How many grapes did he eat?

15 − 6 = 9

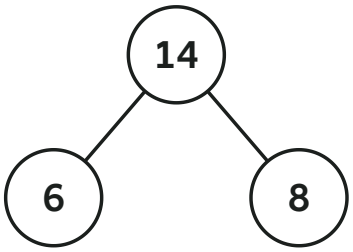
Answer: **6** grapes



4 Rosa has 14 beads. 6 are blue and the rest are green. How many beads are green?

14 − 6 = 8

Answer: **8** green beads



5 A bus has 17 riders. 8 riders get off at the library. How many riders are still on the bus?

17 − 8 = 9

Answer: **9** riders

