

Subtraction Word Problems

Name: _____ Date: _____

- (1) There were forty-eight employees working in an office building. Twenty-four of them left to go to a meeting. How many employees were left in the building?

Answer: _____ employees

- (2) There are fifty-eight pencils in a desk. There are twenty students and each will need one. How many pencils will be left?

Answer: _____ pencils

- (3) There are twenty-two books stacked up on a bookshelf and a desk. Twelve of them are on the desk. How many books are there on the bookshelf?

Answer: _____ books

- (4) Joseph needs to make a total of twenty-one brownies. If he just finished making eleven, how many brownies does he have left to make?

Answer: _____ brownies

- (5) There were forty-four birds in a tree, but ten of them flew away. How many birds are left in the tree?

Answer: _____ birds

- (6) The pet store has thirty-one bags of dog food near the cages and in the storage room. Twenty of them are near the cages. How many bags are in the storage room?

Answer: _____ bags

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ANSWER KEY

- (1) There were forty-eight employees working in an office building. Twenty-four of them left to go to a meeting. How many employees were left in the building?

$$\begin{array}{r} 48 \\ - 24 \\ \hline 24 \end{array}$$

Answer: 24 employees

- (2) There are fifty-eight pencils in a desk. There are twenty students and each will need one. How many pencils will be left?

$$\begin{array}{r} 58 \\ - 20 \\ \hline 38 \end{array}$$

Answer: 38 pencils

- (3) There are twenty-two books stacked up on a bookshelf and a desk. Twelve of them are on the desk. How many books are there on the bookshelf?

$$\begin{array}{r} 22 \\ - 12 \\ \hline 10 \end{array}$$

Answer: 10 books

- (4) Joseph needs to make a total of twenty-one brownies. If he just finished making eleven, how many brownies does he have left to make?

$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ - 11 \\ \hline 10 \end{array}$$

Answer: 10 brownies

- (5) There were forty-four birds in a tree, but ten of them flew away. How many birds are left in the tree?

$$\begin{array}{r} 44 \\ - 10 \\ \hline 34 \end{array}$$

Answer: 34 birds

- (6) The pet store has thirty-one bags of dog food near the cages and in the storage room. Twenty of them are near the cages. How many bags are in the storage room?

$$\begin{array}{r} 31 \\ - 20 \\ \hline 11 \end{array}$$

Answer: 11 bags