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Subtraction

Question 1

James read 47 pages on Saturday and 28 pages on Sunday.
How many more pages did he read on Saturday than Sunday?

Question 2

I travelled 107 km of my trip.
The total distance I have to travel is 159 km.
How many kilometres do I have to go?

Question 3

There are 97 sheep in the flock. 78 are female.
How many males are in the flock?

Question 4

There are 665 beetles.
128 of them are red and 280 are green. The rest are yellow.
How many beetles are NOT red?

Question 5

Anthony needs to collect 850 coins.
He has already collected 762. How many left for him to collect?

Question 6

At the start of the shoe sale there were 779 pairs of shoes.
At the end of the sale there were 207.
How many pairs of shoes were sold?

Question 7

A publisher wants to sell 1097 magazines this month.
So far 708 have been sold.
How many more sales are needed to reach the target?

Question 8

The builder has 877 tiles to glue on a wall.
If he has already glued 489 tiles, how many more tiles does he still need to glue?

Question 9

Max started the day with 857 pieces of fruit.
He sold 469 pieces before lunch then 369 after lunch.
How many pieces were left at the end of the day?

Question 10

I had 107 balloons for sale.
13 burst and there were 6 left over.
How many balloons did I sell?

Subtraction solutions

Question 1

James read 47 pages on Saturday and 28 pages on Sunday.
How many more pages did he read on Saturday than Sunday?

Solution

To calculate how many more pages James read on Saturday than Sunday, subtract the number of pages he read on Sunday from the number of pages he read on Saturday.

$$47 - 28 = 19$$

Question 2

I travelled 107 km of my trip.
The total distance I have to travel is 159 km.
How many kilometres do I have to go?

Solution

To calculate the number of kilometres you have to go on your trip, subtract how far you have travelled from the total distance of your trip.

$$159 - 107 = 52$$

Question 3

There are 97 sheep in the flock. 78 are female.
How many males are in the flock?

Solution

To calculate the number of males in the flock, subtract the number of females in the flock from the total number of sheep in the flock.

$$97 - 78 = 19$$

Question 4

There are 665 beetles.
128 of them are red and 280 are green. The rest are yellow.
How many beetles are NOT red?

Solution

To calculate the number of beetles that are not red, subtract the number of red beetles from the total number of beetles.

$$665 - 128 = 537$$

Question 5

Anthony needs to collect 850 coins.
He has already collected 762. How many left for him to collect?

Solution

To calculate the number of coins Anthony still has to collect, subtract the number of coins he has already collected from the total number of coins he still needs to collect.

$$850 - 762 = 88$$

Question 6

At the start of the shoe sale there were 779 pairs of shoes.
At the end of the sale there were 207.
How many pairs of shoes were sold?

Solution

To calculate the number of shoes that were sold during the sale, subtract the number of shoes that were left at the end of the sale from number of shoes at the start of the sale.

$$779 - 207 = 572$$

Question 7

A publisher wants to sell 1097 magazines this month.
So far 708 have been sold.
How many more sales are needed to reach the target?

Solution

To calculate the number of sales needed to reach the target, subtract the number of magazines that have been sold from the number of magazines the publisher wants to

sell. $1097 - 708 = 389$

Question 8

The builder has 877 tiles to glue on a wall.
If he has already glued 489 tiles, how many more tiles does he still need to glue?

Solution

To calculate the number of tiles the builder still has to glue, subtract the number of tiles he has already glued from the total number of tiles he has to glue on the wall.

$$877 - 489 = 388$$

Question 9

Max started the day with 857 pieces of fruit.
He sold 469 pieces before lunch then 369 after lunch.
How many pieces were left at the end of the day?

Solution

To calculate the number of pieces of fruit Max had left at the end of the day, subtract the total number pieces of fruit he sold in the morning and after lunch from the number of pieces of fruit he started the day with.

$$857 - (469 + 369) = 19$$

Question 10

I had 107 balloons for sale.
13 burst and there were 6 left over.
How many balloons did I sell?

Solution

To calculate the number of balloons that you sold, subtract the total number of balloons that burst and the number that were left over from the number of balloons that you had for sale originally.

$$107 - (13 + 6) = 88$$