

Subtraction Word Problems Within 20

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each story. What is taken away or compared? Subtract.

1. Priya has 16 marbles and Liam has 6. How many more marbles does Priya have than Liam?

Answer: _____

2. A jar held 9 jelly beans. Theo ate 7 of them. How many jelly beans are in the jar now?

Answer: _____

3. A parking lot has 16 spaces. 6 cars are parked there. How many spaces are empty?

Answer: _____

4. Omar is 12 centimeters tall and Theo is 1 centimeters tall. How much taller is Omar?

Answer: _____

5. The class needs 10 cupcakes for a party. They have baked 5. How many more cupcakes do they need?

Answer: _____

6. There were 13 birds in a tree. Then 6 flew away. How many birds are still in the tree?

Answer: _____

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Answer Key

Read each story. What is taken away or compared? Subtract.

1. Priya has 16 marbles and Liam has 6. How many more marbles does Priya have than Liam?

Answer: 10

2. A jar held 9 jelly beans. Theo ate 7 of them. How many jelly beans are in the jar now?

Answer: 2

3. A parking lot has 16 spaces. 6 cars are parked there. How many spaces are empty?

Answer: 10

4. Omar is 12 centimeters tall and Theo is 1 centimeters tall. How much taller is Omar?

Answer: 11

5. The class needs 10 cupcakes for a party. They have baked 5. How many more cupcakes do they need?

Answer: 5

6. There were 13 birds in a tree. Then 6 flew away. How many birds are still in the tree?

Answer: 7