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Subtraction Word Problems — Hard (20 Questions) — Answer Key

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Subtract the numbers. Find each difference.

1. Jack collected 52 shells. He gave 16 to his sister. How many shells does Jack have left?

Answer: _____

2. Emma had 36 sweets. She ate 10. How many sweets does Emma have left?

Answer: _____

3. There are 87 students in the hall. 36 leave early. How many students are still in the hall?

Answer: _____

4. There are 28 cookies on a plate. 26 are eaten. How many cookies remain?

Answer: _____

5. A park has 86 flowers. 41 wilt and are removed. How many flowers remain?

Answer: _____

6. There are 40 birds on a tree. 9 fly away. How many birds are left?

Answer: _____

7. A bottle holds 21 ml of juice. 4 ml is poured out. How much juice is left?

Answer: _____

8. A train had 12 passengers. 4 got off at the first stop. How many passengers are still on the train?

Answer: _____

9. A box had 62 nails. 15 were used. How many nails are left in the box?

Answer: _____

10. A library has 32 books. 14 are checked out. How many books are still in the library?

Answer: _____

11. A farmer gathered 23 eggs. 18 cracked and were thrown away. How many eggs are left?

Answer: _____

12. A store had 95 items in stock. 39 were sold. How many items remain?

Answer: _____

13. Leo scored 11 points in a game. He lost 4 points. What is his final score?

Answer: _____

14. A bag contains 23 marbles. 12 marbles are taken out. How many marbles are left in the bag?

Answer: _____

15. A box had 62 crayons. 24 were lost. How many crayons are left?

Answer: _____

16. There are 57 cookies on a plate. 56 are eaten. How many cookies remain?

Answer: _____

17. A box had 7 crayons. 2 were lost. How many crayons are left?

Answer: _____

18. A box had 20 nails. 7 were used. How many nails are left in the box?

Answer: _____

19. Jack collected 36 shells. He gave 36 to his sister. How many shells does Jack have left?

Answer: _____

20. Leo scored 5 points in a game. He lost 0 points. What is his final score?

Answer: _____

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ANSWER KEY — Subtraction Word Problems — Hard (20 Questions) — Answer Key

Answer Key

Subtract the numbers. Find each difference.

1. Jack **collected** 52 shells. He **gave** 16 to his sister. How many shells does Jack have **left**?

Answer: **36 shells**

2. Emma had 36 sweets. She ate 10. How many sweets does Emma have **left**?

Answer: **26 sweets**

3. There are 87 students in the hall. 36 leave early. How many students are still in the hall?

Implied signals: how many

Answer: **51 students**

4. There are 28 cookies on a plate. 26 are eaten. How many cookies **remain**?

Answer: **2 cookies**

5. A park has 86 flowers. 41 wilt and are removed. How many flowers **remain**?

Answer: **45 flowers**

6. There are 40 birds on a tree. 9 fly away. How many birds are **left**?

Answer: **31 birds**

7. A bottle holds 21 ml of juice. 4 ml is poured out. How much juice is **left**?

Answer: **17**

8. A train had 12 passengers. 4 got off at the first stop. How many passengers are still on the train?

Implied signals: how many

Answer: **8 passengers**

9. A box had 62 nails. 15 were used. How many nails are **left** in the box?

Answer: **47 nails**

10. A library has 32 books. 14 are checked out. How many books are still in the library?

Implied signals: how many, has

Answer: **18 books**

11. A farmer gathered 23 eggs. 18 cracked and were thrown away. How many eggs are **left**?

Answer: **5 eggs**

12. A store had 95 items in stock. 39 were **sold**. How many items **remain**?

Answer: **56 items**

13. Leo scored 11 points in a game. He **lost** 4 points. What is his final score?

Answer: **7**

14. A bag contains 23 marbles. 12 marbles are taken out. How many marbles are **left** in the bag?

Answer: **11 marbles**

15. A box had 62 crayons. 24 were **lost**. How many crayons are **left**?

Answer: **38 crayons**

16. There are 57 cookies on a plate. 56 are eaten. How many cookies **remain**?

Answer: **1 cookies**

17. A box had 7 crayons. 2 were **lost**. How many crayons are **left**?

Answer: **5 crayons**

18. A box had 20 nails. 7 were used. How many nails are **left** in the box?

Answer: **13 nails**

19. Jack **collected** 36 shells. He **gave** 36 to his sister. How many shells does Jack have **left**?

Answer: **0 shells**

20. Leo scored 5 points in a game. He **lost** 0 points. What is his final score?

Answer: **5**



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