Solving Word Problems

Learning Objective: Solve one- and two-step word problems using subtraction within 100.

How to Solve Word Problems

1. **Read** the problem carefully.

2. **Draw** a picture to show what is happening.

3. **Write an equation** with a box (□) for the unknown number.

4. **Solve** to find the answer!

Example Problem

Maria has 28 stickers. She gave her friend 15 stickers. How many stickers does Maria have now?

Drawing: [Tens] [Ones]
28: || ••••••••
15: | ••••

Equation: 28 – 15 = □

Answer: 13 stickers

Your Turn! Practice Problems

1. Emma has 45 stickers. She gave 18 stickers to her best friend. How many stickers does Emma have left?

Drawing:

Equation: **Answer:**

2. There were 56 students in the gym. 23 students left to go to class. How many students are still in the gym?

Drawing:

Equation: **Answer:**

3. A toy store had 75 action figures. They sold 32 action figures. How many action figures are left in the store?

Drawing:

Equation: **Answer:**

Solve the Story Problems

1. Jacob collected 47 baseball cards. He traded 19 cards to his friend. How many baseball cards does Jacob have now?

Draw a Picture

Equation

Answer

2. A garden had 38 flowers. The wind blew down 14 flowers. How many flowers are still standing?

Draw a Picture

Equation

Answer

3. Sophia read 52 pages in her book. Yesterday she read 17 pages. How many more pages did she read today?

4. A pizza restaurant made 64 pizzas. They delivered 28 pizzas. How many pizzas are still at the restaurant?

5. The library had 81 books on a cart. They shelved 36 books. How many books are still on the cart?

6. An orchard has 73 apple trees. 29 trees were cut down. How many apple trees are left?

☐ **Self-Check:** Does my answer make sense for each problem?