

Subtraction Facts Within 20

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Q Quick Review

Subtraction means taking away or finding how many are left. The answer is called the **difference**. Subtraction is the **opposite** of addition, so you can **think addition** to solve it: for $13 - 5$, ask “5 plus what equals 13?” Since $5 + 8 = 13$, the difference is 8. You can also **count back** from the bigger number. Practicing subtraction facts until they are quick will help you all year long.

◇ **Example:** Find the difference: $15 - 7$.

⇒ Let's think addition to solve this. We ask, “7 plus what number equals 15?” Count up from 7: $7 + 3 = 10$, and then $10 + 5 = 15$. That means we added $3 + 5 = 8$ in all. So $7 + 8 = 15$, which tells us $15 - 7 = 8$.

Answer: $15 - 7 = 8$

PRACTICE

Subtract to find each difference.

1. $12 - 5$

11. $14 - 7$

2. $14 - 6$

12. $11 - 6$

3. $11 - 4$

13. $13 - 6$

4. $16 - 8$

14. $16 - 7$

5. $13 - 9$

15. $10 - 4$

6. $10 - 6$

16. $15 - 6$

7. $18 - 9$

17. $12 - 7$

8. $15 - 8$

18. $14 - 8$

9. $17 - 9$

19. $17 - 8$

10. $12 - 8$

20. $13 - 8$

◆ Word Problems

21. Noah had 14 stickers. He gave 6 to his friend. How many stickers does Noah have left? _____

22. There were 15 birds on a wire. Then 7 flew away. How many birds are still on the wire? _____

23. A box held 13 muffins. The class ate 9 of them. How many muffins are left in the box? _____

24. Ava has 16 marbles. Her brother has 8 marbles. How many more marbles does Ava have than her brother? _____



Answer Keys

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| 10. <input type="text" value="4"/> | 22. <input type="text" value="8 birds"/> |
| 11. <input type="text" value="7"/> | 23. <input type="text" value="4 muffins"/> |
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Step-by-Step Explanations

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| <p>1. Think addition: $5 + 7 = 12$, so $12 - 5 = 7$.</p> <p>2. Think addition: $6 + 8 = 14$, so $14 - 6 = 8$.</p> <p>3. Think addition: $4 + 7 = 11$, so $11 - 4 = 7$.</p> <p>4. This is the double $8 + 8 = 16$, so $16 - 8 = 8$.</p> <p>5. Think addition: $9 + 4 = 13$, so $13 - 9 = 4$.</p> <p>6. Think addition: $6 + 4 = 10$, so $10 - 6 = 4$.</p> <p>7. This is the double $9 + 9 = 18$, so $18 - 9 = 9$.</p> <p>8. Think addition: $8 + 7 = 15$, so $15 - 8 = 7$.</p> <p>9. Think addition: $9 + 8 = 17$, so $17 - 9 = 8$.</p> <p>10. Think addition: $8 + 4 = 12$, so $12 - 8 = 4$.</p> <p>11. This is the double $7 + 7 = 14$, so $14 - 7 = 7$.</p> <p>12. Think addition: $6 + 5 = 11$, so $11 - 6 = 5$.</p> | <p>13. Think addition: $6 + 7 = 13$, so $13 - 6 = 7$.</p> <p>14. Think addition: $7 + 9 = 16$, so $16 - 7 = 9$.</p> <p>15. Think addition: $4 + 6 = 10$, so $10 - 4 = 6$.</p> <p>16. Think addition: $6 + 9 = 15$, so $15 - 6 = 9$.</p> <p>17. Think addition: $7 + 5 = 12$, so $12 - 7 = 5$.</p> <p>18. Think addition: $8 + 6 = 14$, so $14 - 8 = 6$.</p> <p>19. Think addition: $8 + 9 = 17$, so $17 - 8 = 9$.</p> <p>20. Think addition: $8 + 5 = 13$, so $13 - 8 = 5$.</p> <p>21. Take away what he gave: $14 - 6 = 8$. Noah has 8 stickers left.</p> <p>22. Subtract the birds that left: $15 - 7 = 8$. There are 8 birds left.</p> <p>23. Take away the muffins eaten: $13 - 9 = 4$. There are 4 muffins left.</p> <p>24. Compare by subtracting: $16 - 8 = 8$. Ava has 8 more marbles.</p> |
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