



# Subtraction Word Problems for 2nd Grade

## Questions

1. A pet store had 8 puppies for sale. They sold 2 puppies. How many puppies do they have left in the pet store?
2. Alex's dad is a baker. This morning, he baked 10 loaves of bread. If he sold 7 loaves of bread during the day, how many loaves does he have left?
3. My family is going on a road trip. The total drive is 9 hours long, but we have already been driving for 5 hours. How many hours are left until we arrive?
4. I have 6 friends at school and 2 of those friends are in my class. How many of my friends are not in my class?
5. I have 5 English exercises that I need to do for homework this week. I did 2 exercises yesterday. How many English exercises do I still need to do?
6. I lived 14 blocks away from my school. My parents decided to move closer to school, so now I only live 4 blocks away. How many blocks closer did we move?
7. The aquarium has 13 sharks in a tank. They released 5 sharks back into the ocean. How many sharks are left in the tank?
8. I had \$9. I spent \$3 at the mall. How much money do I have left?
9. Enzo and I went for milkshakes. The bill came to \$5. If Enzo's milkshake cost \$2, how much did my milkshake cost?
10. You receive 20 coins to spend at the store. You buy a book for 7 coins and a soda for 2 coins. How many coins do you have left?





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## Answers

- 1. 6**  
8 puppies minus 2 puppies = 6 puppies  
 $8 - 2 = 6$
- 2. 3**  
10 loaves minus 7 loaves = 3 loaves  
 $10 - 7 = 3$
- 3. 4**  
9 hours minus 5 hours = 4 hours  
 $9 - 5 = 4$
- 4. 4**  
6 friends minus 2 friends that are in my class = 4 friends that are not in my class  
 $6 - 2 = 4$
- 5. 3**  
5 exercises minus 2 exercises = 3 exercises left to do  
 $5 - 2 = 3$
- 6. 10**  
14 blocks minus 4 blocks = 10 blocks  
 $14 - 4 = 10$
- 7. 8**  
13 sharks minus 5 sharks = 8 sharks  
 $13 - 5 = 8$
- 8. \$6**  
 $\$9 - \$3 = \$6$
- 9. \$3**  
\$5 minus Enzo's \$2 milkshake = \$3 for my milkshake  
 $\$5 - \$2 = \$3$
- 10. 11**  
20 minus 7 coins for the book and minus 2 coins for the soda = 11 coins left  
 $20 - 7 - 2 = 11$

