



Subtraction Word Problems for 3rd Grade

Questions

1. What is the difference between 54 and 45?
2. Zalta has 7 eggs and two empty cartons. Each carton holds six eggs. How many more eggs does she need to fill both cartons?
3. Roger played 10 tennis matches over February and March. If he played 4 tennis matches in February, how many matches did he play in March?
4. Subtract 11 from 35
5. What is the difference between 66 and 38?
6. Which number is 7 less than 22?
7. Ross has 13 apples. He gets a few more and ends up with 20. How many more apples did he receive?
8. Sarah had 6 T-shirts and then bought a few more so that she had 10 T-shirts in total. How many new T-shirts did she buy?
9. Jason picked 43 flowers while Clara was only able to pick 29. How many more flowers does Jason have than Clara?
10. Olivia has \$71 which is \$32 more than what Isla has. How much money does Isla have?





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Answers

- 1. 9**
Difference means you must subtract
 $54 - 45 = 9$
- 2. 5**
Both cartons can hold a total of 12 eggs. Zalta currently has 7 eggs.
So $12 - 7 = 5$
She needs 5 more eggs.
- 3. 6**
10 matches overall - 4 matches played in March = 6 matches played in February.
 $10 - 4 = 6$
- 4. 24**
 $35 - 11 = 24$
- 5. 29**
Difference means you must subtract
 $66 - 38 = 29$
- 6. 15**
Less means you must subtract
 $22 - 7 = 15$
- 7. 7**
20 total apples - 13 apples = 7 apples that he received
 $20 - 13 = 7$
- 8. 4**
Subtract the number of T-Shirts Sarah had at the beginning from the Total number of T-shirts after she bought new ones to find the difference:
 $10 - 6 = 4$
- 9. 14**
 $43 - 29 = 14$
Jason picked 14 more flowers than Clara
- 10. \$39**
 $71 - 32 = 39$
Isla has \$39

