

"What's the Difference?"

Algebra P1

Name _____

Date _____ # _____

Addition problems have addends and sums. Subtraction problems have minuends, subtrahends, and differences.

1. Tasty Apple Orchard has 385 bushels of apples for sale. The orchard sells 223 bushels in one week. How many bushels are left?

What operation is needed to solve this problem? _____

What is the minuend? _____

What is the subtrahend? _____

Write the problem algebraically and find the difference.
(Use an appropriate letter).

2. At the local supermarket, a loaf of bread usually costs \$2.15. This week, bread is on sale for \$1.59. How much can you save by buying one loaf of bread this week?

What operation is needed to solve this problem? _____

What is the minuend? _____

What is the subtrahend? _____

Write the problem algebraically and find the difference.
(Use an appropriate letter).

3. The Library has 2,530 children's books. If 335 children's books have been checked out, how many remain in the library?

What operation is needed to solve this problem? _____

What is the minuend? _____

What is the subtrahend? _____

Write the problem algebraically and find the difference.
(Use an appropriate letter).

4. The Tamalpais High School team won the basketball game with 123 points. Redwood High School's team scored fifteen fewer points. What was the Redwood team's final score?

What operation is needed to solve this problem? _____

What is the minuend? _____

What is the subtrahend? _____

Write the problem algebraically and find the difference.
(Use an appropriate letter).

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5. Write a scenario like the ones above. Share it with another student or family member and have them write it algebraically. Check to see that they came up with the correct answer.
