

## Word Problems: Subtraction

### Steps to Success

1. Put the largest number on top. ✓
2. Place the digits in the correct column. ✓
3. Show the subtraction and equal sign. ✓
4. **Exchange and then subtract** the top number from the bottom number in the ones column.
5. Subtract the top number from the bottom number in the tens column. **Exchange if you need to.**

1) 185 children go to choir, and 167 of them arrive on time. How many were late?



2) I had 236 chocolates in a box, then my family ate 128 of them. How many are left?

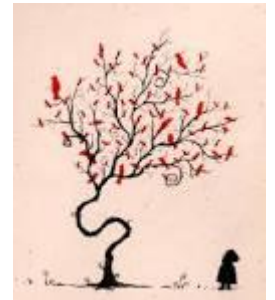
3) There are 278 books on my bookshelf. 159 are on the top shelf. How many are on the bottom shelf?



4) Alexander needs to read 256 pages for Rocket Reading this weekend. On Saturday he read 127 pages. How many pages does he need to read on Sunday?

5) There were 372 birds in a tall tree, but 353 of them flew away. How many birds are left in the tree?

6) There were 453 books on my bookshelf this morning. Some children came and borrowed 67 of them. How many books are left?



7) There are 568 birds sitting in a pair of trees. One tree has 89 birds in it. How many birds are in the other tree?

8) Eric picked up a book with 242 pages. He read 57 pages. How many more pages would he need to read to finish the book?

9) Sophie and her sister found 546 seashells on the beach. 57 of the shells were found by her sister. How many seashells did Sophie find?

10) There are 161 children in Year 5. Seventy two children are in 5T. How many are in 5P?

11) 895 children go to choir, and seven hundred and eighty seven of them arrive on time. How many were late?



12) A TV costs 895p. I have five hundred and fifty seven pence in my purse. How much more money do I need?

13) Sam has 806 stickers and his friend has 38 stickers. How many more stickers does Sam have than John?

14) George has 906 marbles and he gives his friend 338 marbles. How many marbles does George have now?

15) I have 902p. How much change will I get if I buy a new football for 453p?



**Answers:**

1. 18
2. 108
3. 119
4. 129
5. 19
6. 386
7. 479
8. 185
9. 489
10. 89
11. 108
12. 338
13. 768
14. 568
15. 449