

Simple story problems

Goal: Use whole-part reasoning in a new subtraction form.

Read each story. Show your thinking and solve.

- 1 3 blocks were on a mat. 1 block was put away. How many blocks are left?

$$\underline{\quad} - \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$

- 2 9 fish swam by a rock. 8 fish swam away. How many fish stayed?

$$\underline{\quad} - \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$

- 3 10 cookies were on a plate. 6 cookies were eaten. How many cookies are left?

$$\underline{\quad} - \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$

- 4 10 flowers grew in a garden. 9 flowers were picked. How many flowers are left in the garden?

$$\underline{\quad} - \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$$

Answer key

Look for: Can your child use the whole and known part?

Next: Repeat this format, then try mixed review.

1 $3 - 1 = 2$

2 $9 - 8 = 1$

3 $10 - 6 = 4$

4 $10 - 9 = 1$
