

Addition & Subtraction Word Problems

Read the story • Choose + or - • Write the equation

How to solve a word problem: 1. Read carefully. 2. Decide: are you putting together (+) or taking away (-)? 3. Write the equation. 4. Solve!

1. Mia had 7 stickers. She got 5 more for her birthday. How many stickers does she have now?

Circle: + or -

Equation: ___ ___ ___ = ___

Answer: _____

2. There were 15 birds sitting in a tree. Then 6 flew away. How many birds are left?

Circle: + or -

Equation: ___ ___ ___ = ___

Answer: _____

3. Sam picked 8 apples and Leo picked 9 apples. How many apples did they pick altogether?

Circle: + or -

Equation: ___ ___ ___ = ___

Answer: _____

4. There are 14 crayons in the box. Jake takes out 7. How many are left in the box?

Circle: + or -

Equation: ___ ___ ___ = ___

Answer: _____

5. A pond has 6 frogs on one lily pad and 8 frogs on another. How many frogs are there in total?

Circle: + or -

Equation: ___ ___ ___ = ___

Answer: _____

6. Zoe baked 20 cookies. She gave 11 to her friends. How many cookies does she have left?

Circle: + or -

Equation: ____ ____ ____ = ____

Answer: _____

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Answer Key — Word Problems

Answers

1. Mia had 7 stickers. She got 5 more for her birthday... $+ 7 + 5 = 12$ Answer: 12

2. There were 15 birds sitting in a tree. Then 6 flew... $- 15 - 6 = 9$ Answer: 9

3. Sam picked 8 apples and Leo picked 9 apples. How m... $+ 8 + 9 = 17$ Answer: 17

4. There are 14 crayons in the box. Jake takes out 7.... $- 14 - 7 = 7$ Answer: 7

5. A pond has 6 frogs on one lily pad and 8 frogs on ... $+ 6 + 8 = 14$ Answer: 14

6. Zoe baked 20 cookies. She gave 11 to her friends. ... $- 20 - 11 = 9$ Answer: 9