Story Problem Set A

Alyssa has 7 teddy bears. She gave 2 bears to her friend. How many teddy bears does she have left?

Max saw 5 teddy bears in the windows. His sister saw another 6. How many teddy bears did they see altogether?

Charlotte has 4 teddy bears. How many more bears will she need to have a bear collection totaling 15?

Sophia has a collection of 18 teddy bears. She lost some of her bears. Now she has 8 bears in her collection. How many bears did Sophia lose?

Story Problem Set B

Ben has 4 cars. Owen gives him some more. Now he has 12 cars. How many cars did Owen give him?

Ben and Owen played basketball. Ben scored 8 points and Owen scored 12 points. How many more points did Owen score?

Ben had 17 Pokemon cards. Owen had 4 Pokeman cards. Ben gave Owen 5 Pokemon cards.

How many cards does Owen have now?

How many cards does Ben have now?

Owen got some money for his birthday. He got $5 from his grandma and $8 from his aunt. His friend gave him $4. How much money did he get for his birthday?

Story Problem Set C

There were 11 dogs at the park. 6 more dogs came to the park. How many dogs are at the park now?

There were **some** puppies in the basket.   
3 more puppies crawled in. Now there are 7 puppies in the basket.   
How many puppies were in the basket at **first?**

Kaitlin saw 18 puppies at the shelter. 8 were white, 8 were black and the rest were brown. How many puppies were brown?

Malia fed her puppy 9 treats when she was teaching him how to sit. Then she gave the puppy 8 treats while she was teaching him how to roll over. How many treats did the puppy get?

Story Problem Set D

DeAndre had **some** rocks that he found in the yard. Mandy gave him 2 more rocks. Now DeAndre has 9 rocks. How many rocks did DeAndre have at first?

There were 16 fireflies in the jar. Jake let 8 of them go. How many were left in the jar?

Alex has 18 bean seeds. He gives 5 to his friend. How many seeds does Alex have now?

There were 17 squirrels in the yard. 9 of them were in the trees and the rest of them were on the ground.   
  
How many squirrels were on the ground?

These are the same problems but with helpful instructional tips and key words highlighted. Sometimes either addition or subtraction can be used because addition and subtraction are inverse operations. Remind your student to circle the answer to the question.

Story Problem Set A

Alyssa has 7 teddy bears. She gave 2 bears to her friend. How many teddy bears does she have left? (subtract)

Max saw 5 teddy bears in the windows. His sister saw another 6. How many teddy bears did they see altogether? (add)

Charlotte has 4 teddy bears. How many more bears will she need to have a bear collection totaling 15? (This can be an addition or a subtraction problem.) Draw a picture representation to help.

Total – 4 known = the missing part

or

4 + \_\_\_ = total

Sophia has a collection of 18 teddy bears. She lost some of her bears. Now she has 8 bears in her collection. How many bears did Sophia lose? (subtraction to find the missing part)

Story Problem Set B

Ben has 4 cars. Owen gives him some more. Now he has 12 cars. How many cars did Owen give him? (Missing part) Draw a picture to help. This can be addition or subtraction.

4 + some more = 12

12 – known 4 = some more

Ben and Owen played basketball. Ben scored 8 points and Owen scored 12 points. How many more points did Owen score? (comparing = subtraction) Draw a picture to help.

Owen – Ben = difference

Ben had 17 Pokemon cards. Owen had 4 Pokeman cards. Ben gave Owen 5 Pokemon cards.

How many cards does Owen have now? (Addition)

How many cards does Ben have now? (Subtraction)

Owen got some money for his birthday. He got $5 from his grandma and $8 from his aunt. His friend gave him $4. How much money did he get for his birthday? (Addition - 3 addends)

Story Problem Set C

There were 11 dogs at the park. 6 more dogs came to the park. How many dogs are at the park now? (Addition)

There were **some** puppies in the basket.   
3 more puppies crawled in. Now there are 7 puppies in the basket.   
How many puppies were in the basket at **first?** (missing part)

Use addition or subtraction.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ +3=7 OR 7 – 3 = \_\_\_\_

Kaitlin saw 18 puppies at the shelter. 8 were white, 8 were black and the rest were brown. How many puppies were brown? (missing part with 3 addends) Use addition or subtraction. Draw a picture to help.

18 – white – black= brown OR white +black+ brown??? =18

Malia fed her puppy 9 treats when she was teaching him how to sit. Then she gave the puppy 8 treats while she was teaching him how to roll over. How many total treats did the puppy get ? (addition)

Story Problem Set D

DeAndre had **some** rocks that he found in the yard. Mandy gave him 2 more rocks. Now DeAndre has 9 rocks. How many rocks did DeAndre have **at first**? (missing part) addition or subtraction

\_\_\_\_ + 2 = 9 or 9 – 2 =\_\_\_

There were 16 fireflies in the jar. Jake let 8 of them go. How many were left in the jar? (subtraction)

Alex has 18 bean seeds. He gives 5 to his friend.

How many seeds does Alex have now? (subtraction)

There were **17** squirrels in the yard. 9 of them were in the trees and the rest of them were on the ground.   
  
How many squirrels were on the ground? (missing part can be addition or subtraction.)

17 -9 = \_\_\_\_ OR 9 + \_\_\_\_\_ =17