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Application
Addition and Subtraction Word Problems

(A) Read each problem carefully. Decide which operation is needed to solve each problem. Select add or subtract then solve the problem.

1. 49 fourth graders, 35 fifth graders and 76 sixth graders showed up for soccer practice. How many students were there in total?

   (a) add (b) subtract _____ students

2. A large tanker truck can hold up to 11 256 gallons of oil. If the truck already contains 9 365 gallons of oil, how many more gallons of oil will be required to fill the tanker?

   (a) add (b) subtract _____ gallons of oil

3. In the year 2014, 835 478 participants took part in the New York City Marathon. The race had 50 386 finishers. How many participants were unable to complete the marathon?

   (a) add (b) subtract _____ participants

4. In the 2015 Chicago Marathon, 20 144 male participants and 17 038 female participants completed the race. How many runners in all completed the marathon?

   (a) add (b) subtract _____ runners

5. The average weight of an Asian elephant is 11 950 pounds and that of an African elephant is 13 220 pounds. What is the difference in weight?

   (a) add (b) subtract _____ pounds