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Subject: _____ Mathematics _____ Topic: _____ Subtraction: Story Problems _____

Words to help you with subtraction: difference, left, how many more, more than, away, minus, subtract, fewer, decrease, remain, less, gave.

Read each story problem. Write the number sentence then solve. An example has been completed for you.

Example: There are 6 frogs. There are 4 lily pads. How many more frogs are there than lily pads?
 $6-4=2$

1. There are 3 fish. 2 swam off. How many are left?
2. Ms. Mills had 8 pencils. She gave 1 away. What is the difference?
3. There are 7 turtles. There are 5 logs. How many more turtles are there than logs?
4. Mike saw 6 sailboats. None sailed away. How many sailboats remain?
5. Shawn saw 9 bees this morning. This afternoon there were 5 fewer. Find the difference.
6. There are 10 purple spiders. There are 7 blue spiders. How many more purple spiders are there than blue spiders?