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Solve the word problems and write the equation to show the solution. After you complete the samples make up your own stories and change the numbers.

<b>Subtraction Change Unknown</b>	
Mikey had 16 leaves. Some of her leaves blew away. Now she has 7 leaves left. How many of her leaves blew away?	Sara had 99 goldfish. She gave some away. Now she has 32 goldfish left. How many goldfish did Sara give away?
320 children wore their Halloween costumes to school. Some of the children took their costumes off at recess. There were 210 children left wearing costumes. How many children took their costumes off at recess?	There were 42 cookies on a plate. Dad ate some of the cookies. Now there are 29 cookies left on the plate. How many cookies did Dad eat?

<b>Subtraction Result Unknown</b>	
Jessica had 14 toy cars. She lost 11 of the cars. How many cars does she have left?	Melissa had 78 pumpkin seeds. She gave 23 of them to her brother. How many pumpkin seeds does Melissa have left?
There were 156 ornaments on the tree. 120 of the ornaments fell off the tree. How many ornaments are left on the tree?	Dan has 386 papers in his desk. He threw away 17 of them. How many papers does Dan have left in his desk?

<b>Subtraction Start Unknown</b>	
A clown had some balloons. 56 of the balloons floated away. Now the clown has 45 balloons left. How many balloons did the clown have to start with?	Mrs. Lake had some pencils. She lost 24 of them. Now she has 6 left. How many pencils did Mrs. Lake have to begin with?
Ryan had some trick-or-treat candy. He gave 123 pieces of candy to his sister. Now Ryan has 100 pieces of candy left. How many pieces of candy did Ryan have to begin with?	Ashley had some guppies. She gave 28 guppies to Timmy. Now Ashley has 12 guppies left. How many guppies did Ashley have to start with?