Subtraction (numbers less than 50)

Grade 1 Word Problems Worksheet

Herbert and his friends went to the arcade.

1. There were 45 customers at the arcade. After an hour, 9 of them left. How many customers were left at the arcade?

2. Herbert won 33 tickets from a video racing game. He wanted to take home a stuffed cat worth 47 tickets for his sister. How many more tickets does he need to win the stuffed cat?

3. In the basketball arcade game, players need to get 40 points in one game to receive prizes. Part-way through the game, Shaun had 25 points and Royce had 17 points. How many more points does Royce need to receive a prize?

4. Herbert bought 46 tokens. He shared 20 tokens with his friends. His brother came, so he gave him another 12 tokens. How many tokens does Herbert have left?

5. Sheena took home 28 prizes from the arcade. She had 12 stuffed toys, 10 small balls, and the remaining prizes were keyrings. How many keyrings did she have?

6. Write the following sentence as an equation: "There were 48 video game machines at the arcade. Forty-five of them were already occupied. There were still 3 machines available."

Answers

1. 45 – 9 = 36
   There were 36 customers left at the arcade.

2. 47 – 33 = 14
   Herbert needs 14 tickets to win the stuffed cat.

3. 40 – 17 = 23
   Royce needs 23 points to win a prize.

4. 46 – 20 – 12 = 14
   Herbert has 14 tokens left.

5. 28 – 12 – 10 = 6
   Sheena has 6 keyrings.

6. 48 – 45 = 3