Subtraction (single digits)

Grade 1 Word Problems Worksheet

Ms. Jackson had a busy Friday at the Library.

1. Ms. Jackson put 5 magazines on the table. Charles, a teacher, took 3 of them and put them back on the shelf. How many magazines were left on the table?

2. There were 7 first-grade English books and 5 second-grade English books on the shelf. Some students borrowed 4 first-grade English books. How many first-grade English books were still on the shelf?

3. Principal Brown decided to give away 8 boxes of crayons to students who behaved well in the library. Five students at one table were reading quietly, so he gave them one box each. How many boxes of crayons did Principal Brown have left?

4. There were 9 sheets of plain paper in Ms. Jackson's drawer. She took out 5 sheets to give to some of her students. How many sheets of plain paper were left in the drawer?

5. There were 8 computers students could use for research, but 7 were already occupied. How many computers were still available?

6. Write the following sentence as an equation: "Seven reading books were borrowed by first-grade pupils. Three of them were returned yesterday, so there were four reading books still to be returned."

Answers

1. 5 – 3 = 2
    There were 2 magazines left on the table.

2. 7 – 4 = 3
    There were 3 first grade English books left on the shelf.

3. 8 – 5 = 3
    There were 3 boxes of crayons left.

4. 9 – 5 = 4
    There were 4 sheets of plain paper left in the drawer.

5. 8 – 7 = 1
    One (1) computer is still available.

6. 7 – 3 = 4