

Word Problems on Subtraction

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Key Concept

A word problem might say, 'A shop had 356 pencils and sold 178. How many pencils are left?' We solve it using subtraction: $356 - 178 = 178$.

Key words like 'left', 'remaining', 'difference', and 'how many more' often hint that we need to subtract in a word problem.

To solve a subtraction word problem, we identify the starting amount and the amount taken away, then subtract to find what remains.

Practising subtraction word problems helps us apply maths to daily situations, like counting remaining money, food, or time.

Quick Revision Notes

- A shop had 356 pencils, sold 178, leaving 178.
- Key words like 'left' and 'remaining' hint at subtraction.
- We identify the starting amount and amount taken away.
- Subtracting finds what remains.
- 'Difference' and 'how many more' also suggest subtraction.
- Subtraction word problems apply maths to daily life.
- Careful reading helps identify the correct operation.
- Practice improves problem-solving confidence.

Practice Questions

- 1 Solve: A class had 45 students, and 12 were absent. How many were present?
- 2 Create your own subtraction word problem.
- 3 Identify key words in three subtraction word problems.
- 4 Solve a word problem using objects to help.
- 5 Write a word problem about sharing or spending.
- 6 Solve three more subtraction word problems.