

## RELATIONAL SUBTRACTION

Multi-Step • Track the Change

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**WORKED EXAMPLE** Solve one step at a time. Keep each new total.

**EXAMPLE**

Maya had 85 stickers. She gave away 6,  
then gave away 44 more.

$$85 - 6 = \square$$

$$79 - 44 = \square$$

Left: \_\_\_\_

**TRACK THE CHANGE** Write one equation per step, then the final amount.

1

Eli had 87 stickers. Gave away 16, then 44 more. How many are left?

Step 1  $87 - 16 = \square \rightarrow$  Step 2  $\square$

$$71 - 44 = \square$$

2

Ava had 65 beads. Gave away 19, then 40 more. How many are left?

Step 1  $65 - 19 = \square \rightarrow$  Step 2  $\square$

$$46 - 40 = \square$$

3

Eli had 90 beads. Gave away 15, then 34 more. How many are left?

Step 1  $90 - 15 = \square \rightarrow$  Step 2  $\square$

$$75 - 34 = \square$$

4

Ben had 100 beads. Gave away 32, then 59 more. How many are left?

Step 1  $100 - 32 = \square$   $\square$

$\rightarrow$  Step 2  $68 - 59 = \square$

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TEACHER EDITION

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$$85 - 6 = \underline{79}$$

$$79 - 44 = \underline{35}$$

Left: 35

**TRACK THE CHANGE** Write one equation per step, then the final amount.

1

Eli had 87 stickers. Gave away 16, then 44 more. How many are left?

Step 1  $87 - 16 = \underline{71}$  → Step 2 27

$$71 - 44 = \underline{27}$$

2

Ava had 65 beads. Gave away 19, then 40 more. How many are left?

Step 1  $65 - 19 = \underline{46}$  → Step 2 6

$$46 - 40 = \underline{6}$$

3

Eli had 90 beads. Gave away 15, then 34 more. How many are left?

Step 1  $90 - 15 = \underline{75}$  → Step 2 41

$$75 - 34 = \underline{41}$$

4

Ben had 100 beads. Gave away 32, then 59 more. How many are left?

Step 1  $100 - 32 = \underline{68}$  → Step 2 9

$$68 - 59 = \underline{9}$$

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**TEACHER NOTES** Answer key & guidance

Answers: 27; 6; 41; 9  
Common error: Subtracting both changes from the start at once

Strategy: Carry the running total into the next step  
Prompt: "What is the new total after step 1?"

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