

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 9 stickers. She gave away 3, then gave away 1 more.

$$9 - 3 = \square$$

$$6 - 1 = \square$$

Left: ____

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

1

Ben had 6 coins. Gave away 2, then 2 more. How many are left?

Step 1 $6 - 2 = \square$ → Step 2 $4 - 2 = \square$

2

Ava had 7 cards. Gave away 2, then 4 more. How many are left?

Step 1 $7 - 2 = \square$ → Step 2 $5 - 4 = \square$

3

Ruth had 6 marbles. Gave away 2, then 2 more. How many are left?

Step 1 $6 - 2 = \square$ → Step 2 $4 - 2 = \square$

CHECK Does the final amount make sense? yes re-check

My final answer is reasonable because it is ____ than the start.

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TEACHER EDITION

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Left: 5

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2

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TEACHER NOTES Answer key & guidance

Answers: 2; 1; 2
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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