

RELATIONAL SUBTRACTION

Multi-Step • Track the Change

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Maya had 10 stickers. She gave away 3, then gave away 4 more.

$$10 - 3 = \square$$

$$7 - 4 = \square$$

Left: ____

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1

Sam had 7 coins. Gave away 2, then 1 more. How many are left?

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

2

Ava had 8 coins. Gave away 2, then 4 more. How many are left?

Step 1 $8 - 2 = \square$ → Step 2 $6 - 4 = \square$

3

Ben had 10 cards. Gave away 2, then 5 more. How many are left?

Step 1 $10 - 2 = \square$ → Step 2 $8 - 5 = \square$

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TEACHER NOTES Answer key & guidance

Answers: 4; 2; 3
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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