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$$681 - 113 = \square$$

Left: \_\_\_\_

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1

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→ Step 2  $742 - 721 = \square$

2

Ben had 702 coins. Gave away 192, then 52 more. How many are left?

Step 1  $702 - 192 = \square$   $\square$

→ Step 2  $510 - 52 = \square$

3

Ben had 935 coins. Gave away 76, then 12 more. How many are left?

Step 1  $935 - 76 = \square$   $\square$

→ Step 2  $859 - 12 = \square$

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$$874 - 193 = \underline{681}$$

$$681 - 113 = \underline{568}$$

Left: 568

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Sam had 792 cards. Gave away 50, then 721 more. How many are left?

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$$742 - 721 = \underline{21}$$

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Step 1  $702 - 192 = \underline{510}$  458

→ Step 2  $510 - 52 = \underline{458}$

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Step 1  $935 - 76 = \underline{859}$  → Step 2 847

$$859 - 12 = \underline{847}$$

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**TEACHER NOTES** Answer key & guidance

Answers: 21; 458; 847

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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