

## Subtraction

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### Grade 2 Word Problems Worksheet

This school year is about to start. The bookstore was very busy today.

1. 78 customers came into the bookstore, and 53 of them were regular customers. How many new customers came into the bookstore today?
2. There was a reading area in the bookstore. There were 59 adults who had already read *Alice in Wonderland*, and the rest were children. If 78 people in total had already read the book, how many more adults than children had read the book?
3. Sandra had \$50, and she bought coloring books worth \$23. How much money did she have left?



4. At the bookstore, a novel is \$19, and a non-fiction book is \$2 less than the novel. If a dictionary costs \$56, how much more expensive than a non-fiction book is a dictionary?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. There were 43 comic books and 78 sudoku puzzle books in the bookstore. If 7 of the comic books were sold, how many comic books were left in the bookstore?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Write the subtraction equation for this sentence: “Jean has 78 books displayed in her room. 12 of them are puzzle books and the rest of them are reference books. Jean has 66 reference books in her room.”

## Answers

- $78 - 53 = 25$   
There were 25 new customers.
- $78 - 59 = 19$  children  
 $59 - 19 = 40$   
There were 40 more adults than children who had already read the book.
- $50 - 23 = 27$   
She had \$27 left.
- $19 - 2 = 17$   
 $56 - 17 = 39$   
A dictionary is \$39 more expensive than a non-fiction book.
- $43 - 7 = 36$   
There were 36 comic books left.
- $78 - 12 = 66$