Subtraction word problems

Grade 3 Math Word Problems Worksheet

Mike and his brother Joe found a map leading to a buried treasure on an unknown island, so they decided to go on a treasure hunt.

1. After decoding the clues on the map, they found out that they needed to go to the Island of Mysteries which was 120 miles away. To get there, they could either take a plane for $600 or a boat for $254. How much money can they save if they took a boat to the island?

2. When they arrived on the island, they looked at the clues and found out that the number of steps they need to take to get to the next clue was the difference between 537 and 369. How many steps do they have to take to get to the next clue?

3. The map led them through the forest and into a cave. To open the cave doors, they needed to put weights on a switch. If the switch already has 234 lbs of weights and the total needed is 712 lbs, how much more weight to they need to add?

4.   The cave is 974 feet deep and 412 feet long and 300 feet wide. If the brothers are already 588 feet deep, how much farther down is the bottom of the cave?

5.   At the end of the cave, they found a golden chest. If the chest contains 421 diamonds and 377 rubies, how many more diamonds are there than rubies?

Answers

1. 600 – 254 = 346
They can save $346 if they took the boat.

2. 537 – 369 = 168
They have to take 168 steps to get to the next clue.

3. 712 – 234 = 478
They need to add 478 lbs on the switch to open the cave doors.

4. 974 – 588 = 386
The cave is 386 feet further down.

5. 421 – 377 = 44
There are 44 more diamonds than there are rubies.