Practice Word Problem Subtraction

Directions: Read each story problem. Write a number sentence and solve each problem.

1. To raise money for a new science lab, Martinez Elementary is selling T-shirts and hats with the school's name on them. They sell 73 T-shirts and 29 hats. How many more T-shirts did they sell than hats?

$$73 - 29 = 44$$

2. Mrs. Cosgrove, who teaches gym, needs to order uniforms for her students. She has received 24 order forms from girls and 19 order forms from boys. How many more order forms did she receive from girls than from boys?

$$24 - 19 = 5$$

3. Martinez's school play is this weekend, and they've sold 229 tickets so far. Last year, they sold 177 tickets. How many more did they sell this year?

$$229 - 177 = 52$$

4. The kitchen staff has 66 cartons of almond milk and 41 cartons of soy milk chilling in the fridge. If they expect 100 students to order almond milk, how many more cartons of almond milk do they need?

$$100 - 66 = 34$$

5. There are a total of 904 students at Martinez Elementary. 426 of them live in Schoonerville. The other students live in Archer City. How many students live in Archer City?

$$904 - 426 = 478$$

6. Second grade is holding a bake sale. Mrs. Yang's class has sold 50 cupcakes and 24 cookies, while Mr. Argent's class has sold 37 brownies and 19 slices of cake. How many more items has Mrs. Yang's class sold?

$$74 - 56 = 18$$