Scary Skeleton Word Problems

ANSWERS

1. In a haunted house there is a large closet. The skeletons of all the ghosts that are haunting this house come and go from the large closet. 10 go in, 2 come out. 12 more go in, 3 come out. 5 go in, 7 come out. 10 more go in, only 1 comes out. 4 go in, and 8 come out. How many skeletons are left in the closet?

$$(10 – 2) + (12 – 3) + (5 – 7) + (10 – 1) + (4 – 8) =$$
$$(8) + (9) + (-2) + (9) + (-4) =$$
$$17 – 2 + 9 – 4 =$$
$$15 + 9 – 4 =$$
$$24 – 4 = 20$$

2. An adult skeleton has 206 bones. There are 27 bones in each hand and 26 bones in each foot. How many bones are *not* in the hands and feet?

$$27 \times 2 = 54$$
$$26 \times 2 = 52$$
$$54 + 52 = 106$$
$$206 – 106 = 100$$

3. Stumpy the skeleton goes for a bike ride every night in the cemetery. He rides 1/2 way around the cemetery and stops. Stumpy then bikes 3/4 of the way around before stopping again. He finishes his ride by biking another 3/8. how far around the cemetery does Stumpy bike?

$$1/2 + 3/4 + 3/8 =$$
$$4/8 + 6/8 + 3/8 =$$
$$13/8 = 1\ 5/8$$