

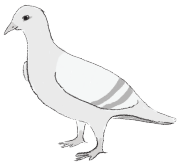
Word Problems: Subtraction **answers**

Read each problem. Write a number sentence and solve.

1. Ms. Hua has 21 pigeons and 17 finches in her aviary. How many more pigeons than finches are there?

$$21 - 17 = 4$$

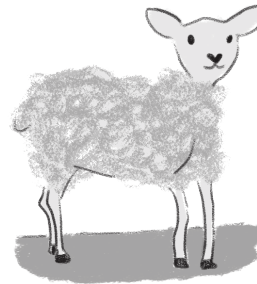
four pigeons



2. The meadow holds 70 sheep. 61 graze there. How many spaces remain?

$$70 - 61 = 9$$

nine spaces



3. Bahar has 53 cherry trees. 24 are saplings (young trees). How many grown trees does Bahar have?

$$53 - 24 = 29$$

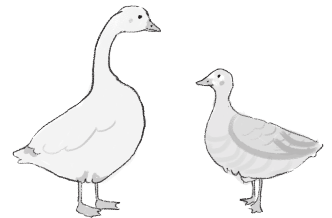
29 trees



4. Irena has 55 geese. 31 are ganders (males). How many are female?

$$55 - 31 = 24$$

24 females



5. There were 67 kittens at the animal rescue shelter on Friday. 42 found loving homes on Saturday. How many kittens remain on Sunday?

$$67 - 42 = 25$$

25 kittens



6. I counted 27 butterflies in the garden yesterday. Now I see only 14. How many flew away?

$$27 - 14 = 13$$

13 butterflies

