

Basic Subtraction Word Problems

One-Digit Subtrahend with Two-Digit Difference

Name: _____ Date: _____

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ANSWER KEY

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$$29 - 6 = 23$$

Answer: 23 magazines

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$$34 - 8 = 26$$

Answer: 26 frogs

(3) Professor Clark gave his forty-nine students a choice between writing a paper and taking an exam. 8 of them wrote a paper. How many students took the exam?

$$49 - 8 = 41$$

Answer: 41 students

(4) Maria and her sister found thirty-three seashells on the beach. 9 of the shells were found by her sister. How many seashells did Maria find?

$$33 - 9 = 24$$

Answer: 24 seashells