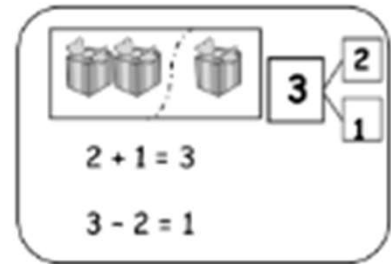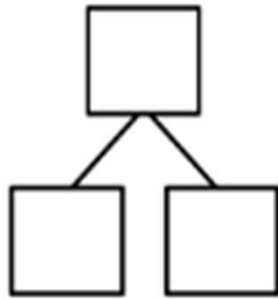# Subtraction as an Unknown Addend Worksheets

Break the total into parts. Write a number bond and addition and subtraction number sentences to match the story.

$2 + 1 = 3$

$3 - 2 = 1$

1. Six flowers bloomed on Monday. Some more bloomed on Tuesday. Now, there are 8 flowers. How many flowers bloomed on Tuesday?

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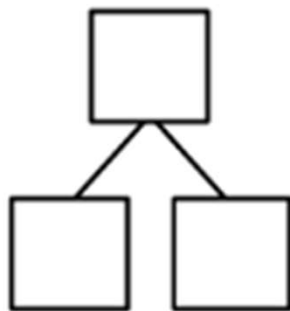□ (-) □ = □

_____ flowers bloomed on Tuesday.

2. Below are the balloons that Mom bought. She bought 4 balloons for Bella, and the rest of the balloons were for Jim. How many balloons did she buy for Jim?

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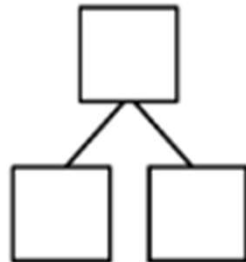Mom bought Jim _____ balloons.

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Draw a picture to solve the math story.

3. Missy buys some cupcakes and 2 cookies. Now, she has 6 desserts. How many cupcakes did she buy?
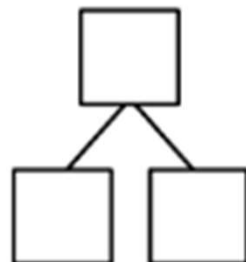
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Missy bought _____ cupcakes.

4. Jim invited 9 friends to his party. Three friends arrived late, but the rest came early. How many friends came early?
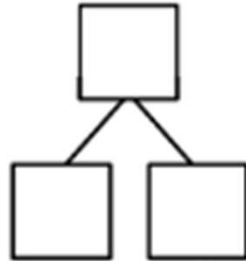
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5. Mom paints her fingernails on both hands. First, she paints 2 red. Then, she paints the rest pink. How many fingernails are pink?
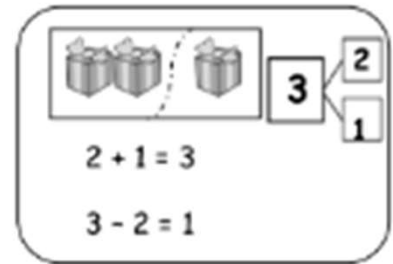
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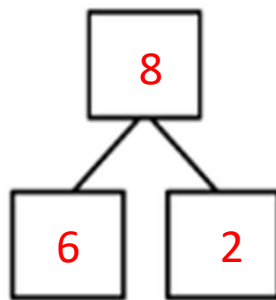$$\square - \square = \square$$

Mom paints _____ fingernails pink.

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1. Six flowers bloomed on Monday. Some more bloomed on Tuesday. Now, there are 8 flowers. How many flowers bloomed on Tuesday?

8

6   2

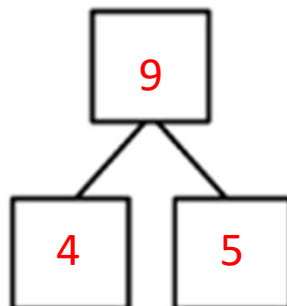6 + 2 = 8

8 - 6 = 2

_____2_____ flowers bloomed on Tuesday.

2. Below are the balloons that Mom bought. She bought 4 balloons for Bella, and the rest of the balloons were for Jim. How many balloons did she buy for Jim?

9

4   5

5 + 4 = 9

9 - 4 = 5

Mom bought Jim _____5_____ balloons.

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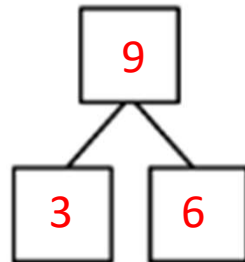
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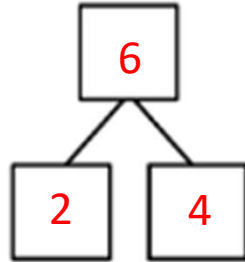
$4 + 2 = 6$

$6 - 2 = 4$

Missy bought ___4___ cupcakes.

4. Jim invited 9 friends to his party. Three friends arrived late, but the rest came early. How many friends came early?
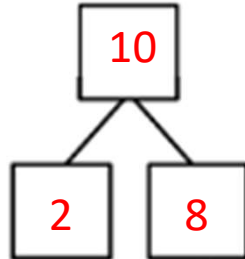
9

3 6

$6 + 3 = 9$

$9 - 3 = 6$

___6___ friends came early.

5. Mom paints her fingernails on both hands. First, she paints 2 red. Then, she paints the rest pink. How many fingernails are pink?

10

2 8

$8 + 2 = 10$

$10 - 2 = 8$

Mom paints ___8___ fingernails pink.