



Subtracting Whole Numbers
Independent Practice – Answer Key

1. Decompose the following numbers: **Answers may vary.**

a. 14 7 + 7

b. 8 5 + 3

c. 18 10 + 8

For each problem below, use a double ten frame to determine the difference. Draw your double ten frame

	Picture
2. $16 - 7 = \underline{9}$	
3. $9 - 4 = \underline{5}$	
4. $13 - 8 = \underline{5}$	
5. $15 - 9 = \underline{6}$	

6. Missy has 19 friends in her class. 5 are absent today. How many friends are in her class today?

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7. Write a problem for this number sentence:

$$15 - 6 = 9$$

Answers may vary. Possible answer:

There are 15 trucks in the parking lot. 6 drove away. How many trucks are left in the parking lot?

8. Nicole has 20 stickers. She gave 8 to her mom. How many stickers does Nicole have left? Write a number sentence to show and explain how you got your answer.

$$20 - 8 = 12$$

9. Nathan saw 18 frogs sitting by the pond. 7 jumped in. How many frogs are still on the ground? Write a number sentence to show and explain how you got your answer.

$$18 - 7 = 11$$

