Subtraction (numbers less than 50)

Grade 1 Word Problems Worksheet

Read answer each question.

Today is the day for the field trip to the zoo. Everyone is very excited!

1. 42 students are going to the zoo. The first bus can only take 23 of them. How many students need to wait for the second bus?

2. There are 44 monkeys in the zoo but 5 of the monkeys are at the vet and 6 baby monkeys are in the nursery. How many monkeys are left in the monkey cage?

3. In the lion exhibit, there are 18 lions. 6 of them are baby lions and 7 of them are female lions. How many adult lions are there?

4. The bat cave is too small for the students to all look at together. So, the students need to go in 3 groups. There are 13 students in the first group and 18 students in the second group. How many students are in the third group?

5. The zoo gives the teachers 50 stickers to give to the students. How many more stickers are there than the number of students?

6. Write the subtraction sentence that fits this: “There are 13 adults to help at the field trip. 5 of them are teachers. So, there are 8 parent volunteers at the field trip.”
Answers

1. 42 – 23 = 19
   25 students need to wait for the second bus.

2. 44 – 5 – 6 = 33
   There are 33 monkeys left in the exhibits.

3. 18 – 5 = 12
   There are 12 adult lions.

4. 42 – 13 – 18 = 11
   There are 11 students in the last group.

5. 50 – 42 = 8
   There are 8 more stickers than the number of students.

6. 13 - 5 = 8