Subtraction (numbers less than 50)

Grade 1 Word Problems Worksheet

Read and answer each question.

Farmer Joe had a busy morning at the Sunday market.

1. Farmer Joe had 35 customers for the whole morning. He knew 20 of them. How many new customers did he meet today?

2. Farmer Joe brought 24 tomatoes and 28 carrots to the market. He sold 17 tomatoes. How many tomatoes were left?

3. He brought 15 eggs but 4 of them were broken on the way to the market. He then sold 6 eggs at the market. How many eggs were left?

4. He brought with him 44 leaflets introducing his farm and he gave one leaflet to each of his customers. How many leaflets were left?

5. Farmer Joe brought with him 30 cabbages and sold 14 of them. But they are too heavy to bring back to his farm. So, he gave 8 away to his friend Granny May. How many cabbages did he have left?

6. Write the subtraction sentence that fits this: “He took 26 crates of produce to sell at the market. He sold 20 crates and gave away 2 crates. Therefore, at the end of the morning, he only had 4 crates of produce to bring back.”
Answers

1. \[35 - 20 = 15\]
   He met 15 new customers today.

2. \[24 - 17 = 7\]
   7 tomatoes were left.

3. \[15 - 4 - 6 = 5\]
   5 eggs were left.

4. \[44 - 35 = 9\]
   9 leaflets were left.

5. \[30 - 14 - 8 = 8\]
   He had 8 cabbages left.

6. \[26 - 20 - 2 = 4\]