

Subtraction word problems

Grade 3 Math Word Problems Worksheet

Read and answer each question.

Winter is almost here and most animals are migrating to warmer countries.

1. There are 67 bird families living near the mountain. If 32 bird families flew away for winter, how many bird families were left near the mountain?
2. At the river, 25 out of 55 salmon families went to warmer waters to avoid being frozen. They had to swim 125 miles to get there! How many salmon families were left in the river?
3. The wolves, though accustomed to cold weather, also wanted to move away from the incoming winter. If there are 43 packs of wolves living in the forest and 31 packs went away, how many wolf packs were left in the forest?
4. Some deer families are also moving out to avoid the shortage of grass that will result from the snow. If there are 79 deer families in the area and 45 of them stayed, how many deer families moved out?
5. Even the chipmunks tried to get away to find other warmer places to stay. They would have to walk for 14 days to get somewhere warmer. If 21 chipmunks were left from the original 86, how many chipmunk went away?

Answers:

1. $67 - 32 = 35$
35 bird families were left near the mountain.
2. $55 - 25 = 30$
30 salmon families were left in the river.
3. $43 - 31 = 12$
There were 12 wolf packs left in the forest.
4. $79 - 45 = 34$
34 deer families moved out for winter.
5. $86 - 21 = 65$
65 went away to find warmer places.