Name	Date



Subtracting Whole Numbers Engage – Answer Key

Party Time

1. Janie is having a party. She invited 5 friends from her class, 3 friends from her neighborhood and 12 friends from her day care. How many friends did she invite to her party?

What is the problem asking you to do?	Will the answer be larger or smaller than the information in the problem?
I have to find how many friends she invited to her party.	The answer is larger.
What operation will I use? Show your work here.	Write your answer in a complete sentence.
5 friends 3 friends + 12 friends 20 friends	She invited 20 friends to her party.

2. Janie is baking cookies for her party. She wants to bake 40 cookies. She has already made 15 cookies. How many more cookies does she need to bake?

What is the problem asking you to do?	Will the answer be larger or smaller than the information in the problem?
I have to find how many additional cookies she needs to bake.	The answer will be smaller.
What operation will I use? Show your work here.	Write your answer in a complete sentence.
Subtraction	
40 cookies	Janie needs 25 more cookies.
_ 15 cookies	
25 cookies	

Name	Date

3. Janie made a list of items she still needs for her party. Her list is below.

12 party hats

19 treat bags

25 party plates

36 party cups

32 napkins

How many plates and napkins does she need to buy?

Will the answer be larger or smaller than the information in the problem?
larger
Write your answer in a complete
sentence.
She needs to buy 57 napkins and plates.

4. Jake is going to Janie's party. He wants to inflate thirty-one balloons for her party. He already has blown up 8 balloons, how many more does he need to inflate?

What is the problem asking you to do?	Will the answer be larger or smaller than the information in the problem?
Jake needs to blow up.	smaller
What operation will I use? Show your work here.	Write your answer in a complete sentence.
	He needs to blow up 23 more balloons.
Subtract	
31 - 8 = 23	