



Activity 3: Addition and Subtraction Word Sums

1. There are 24 cows on the field. The farmer moves another 17 cows onto the field. How many cows are there on the field?
2. A restaurant served 45 milkshakes during lunch and 26 during supper today. How many milkshakes were served today?
3. Zola picked 86 peaches from the orchard, and gave 18 to Tom. How many peaches does Zola have now?
4. Kyle grew 38 carrots and Thabo grew 44 carrots. How many carrots did they grow in total?
5. Anisa's high school played 26 netball games this year. She played in 18 of the netball games. How many netball games did Anisa miss?
6. Chris used to be able to hold his breath for 28 seconds. Now he can hold his breath for 62 seconds. How much longer can he now hold his breath?
7. Pamela found 24 seashells and Mutama found 39 seashells on the beach. How many seashells did they find in total?
8. Jayden used to take 21 minutes to run 2 kilometers. Now he takes 14 minutes to run the same distance. How much less time does it now take him to run 2 kilometers?
9. Judith bought 36 cupcakes for the school cake sale. Casey bought 48 cupcakes for the school cake sale. How many cupcakes did they bring for the cake sale in total?
10. Bote and Fred decided to have a shooting hoops competition. Bote got 23 balls through the hoop and Fred got 61. How many more hoops did Fred get?
11. Stephen's high school has 638 learners at the school. 168 of the learners are Grade 8s. How many of the learners are not Grade 8s?
12. Nelisiwe's school is collecting bread tags for a fundraiser. Neliswa collected 164 bread tags and Anazo collected 171. How many bread tags have the girls collected in total?
13. A photocopying machine made 354 copies before break and 147 during break. How many copies did the photocopying machine make in total by the end of break?
14. There were 281 pieces of paper in the photocopying machine. A teacher made 146 photocopies. How many pieces of paper are in the photocopying machine now?
15. Lumka likes taking selfies. She took 214 selfies last week and 188 selfies this week. How many selfies did she take over the last two weeks?
16. The water tank is full at 1 500 litres. If the water tank has 641 litres, how many more litres does it need to be full?