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DEVELOPING MATHEMATICAL INQUIRY COMMUNITIES
INDEPENDENT TASKS
SUBTRACTION

Students work on 1-2 independent tasks each day and select which to complete over the week.

Easy

1. Mere had 10 pencils and gave her brother 4, how many pencils does she have left?

2. Cane's dog Buster had 8 big biscuits in his bowl. He ate 5. How many are left?

3. Mele had 15 mats. She gifted 7 mats to her eldest daughter during her wedding. How many mats are left?

4. There were some ika (fish) in the bucket. Mele's uncle took 4 out and Mele only had 5 left. How many fish were in the bucket to start with?

Middle

1. Eve has 13 sei. Tash has 5 sei. How many more sei does Eve have than Tash?

2. Liam was playing with marbles, he gave his brother 6 marbles then only had 6 left. How many marbles did Liam start with?

3. Sione had a 24 pack of colouring pencils. He gave some to Mele and was left with 14. How many colouring pencils did he give to Mele?

4. Sarah helped pick 26 Feijoas from the tree and Koro gave 14 away. How many Feijoas does Sarah and Koro have left?

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Hard

1. Richard had 22 toy cars. He gave some to David. Now he has 9 cars left. How many toy cars did Richard give to David?

2. Our fruit basket in class has 15 pieces of fruit. 10 are apples and the rest are bananas. How many bananas are there?

3. The women at Vainī village made 31 ta'ovala a year. They sold 16 at the market during the year. How many ta'ovala did they have left?

4. John has 28 cousins; 19 are living here in New Zealand and the rest are in Tonga. How many of John's cousins are living in Tonga?