

# Multi-Step Addition and Subtraction Word Problems

Grades 3–4

## Directions

Read each problem carefully. Decide what steps are needed to solve the problem. Show your work and write the final answer.

1. A library had 385 books. It received 127 new books and later gave away 94 books. How many books are in the library now?

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2. A school collected 462 cans for a food drive on Monday and 289 cans on Tuesday. After sorting, 153 cans were donated immediately. How many cans remain?

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3. A farmer harvested 748 apples in the morning and 365 apples in the afternoon. He sold 429 apples at the market. How many apples are left?

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4. A store sold 256 notebooks in one week and 189 notebooks the next week. Then 137 notebooks were returned. How many notebooks were sold in total?

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5. A warehouse started the day with 1,250 boxes. After shipping out 485 boxes and later shipping out 392 more boxes, how many boxes remained?

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**6.** A hiking trail is 1,250 meters long. A group walked 485 meters in the morning and 392 meters in the afternoon. How many meters did they still need to walk?

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**7.** A fundraiser raised \$835 on Friday and \$679 on Saturday. After paying \$492 in expenses, how much money was left?

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**8.** A warehouse stored 1,460 boxes. 578 boxes were shipped out, and later 294 boxes were added. How many boxes are now in the warehouse?

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**9.** A school ordered 925 pencils. After distributing 368 pencils to classrooms and 147 to the office, how many pencils remain?

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**10.** A delivery truck carried 1,800 pounds of supplies. It delivered 675 pounds in the morning and 482 pounds in the afternoon. How many pounds were still on the truck?

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# Answer Key

## Solutions

1.  $385 + 127 - 94 = 418$  books
2.  $462 + 289 - 153 = 598$  cans
3.  $748 + 365 - 429 = 684$  apples
4.  $256 + 189 - 137 = 308$  notebooks
5.  $1,250 - 485 - 392 = 373$  boxes
6.  $1,250 - (485 + 392) = 373$  meters
7.  $835 + 679 - 492 = 1,022$  dollars
8.  $1,460 - 578 + 294 = 1,176$  boxes
9.  $925 - (368 + 147) = 410$  pencils
10.  $1,800 - (675 + 482) = 643$  pounds