Subtraction Word Problems

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Read each word problem carefully. Work out which numbers to subtract, then solve the problem. Show your working.

1. The school library had 1,248 books. They donated 376 books to another school. How many books does the library have now?

Working: _____

Answer: _____ books

2. A farmer picked 2,450 apples. He sold 1,685 apples at the market. How many apples does he have left?

Working: _____

Answer: _____ apples

3. Sarah saved $3,250. She spent $1,895 on a new laptop. How much money does Sarah have remaining?

Working: _____

Answer: $_____

4. A concert hall has 5,600 seats. If 4,847 tickets have been sold, how many seats are still available?

Working: _____

Answer: _____ seats

5. Mount Cook is 3,724 metres tall. Mount Taranaki is 2,518 metres tall. What is the difference in height between the two mountains?

Working: _____

Answer: _____ metres

6. A bakery made 8,400 cookies in one week. By Friday, they had sold 6,275 cookies. How many cookies were left to sell?

Working: _____

Answer: _____ cookies

7. The distance from Auckland to Wellington is 650 kilometres. James has driven 478 kilometres. How much further does he need to drive?

Working: _____

Answer: _____ kilometres

8. A water tank holds 7,500 litres when full. After using some water, there are 2,865 litres left. How much water was used?

Working: _____

Answer: _____ litres