

Addition and subtraction word problems

Remember

Always remember to read word problems carefully. If a problem has more than one step, do them in the correct order. Use the correct numbers and operations and make sure that the word problem has been answered in full.



Practise

1 Solve these problems.

a. A factory fills 5482 bottles. 4845 bottles are packed into boxes. How many bottles are left to be packed?

b. A rugby ground can hold 9065 spectators. 8463 spectators attend a game. How many more spectators could have attended?

c. William Shakespeare was born on 23rd April 1564 and died on the same day in 1616. How old was he when he died?

d. There were 8826 runners in a fun run. 1286 of the runners were under 18 years of age. How many runners were aged 18 years or over?

e. A cruise ship carries 3478 passengers and 1845 crew. How many people are aboard the cruise ship?

f. Max goes on exactly the same walk each Saturday. On one Saturday, he walks 3758m, stops for a rest and walks another 2646m to complete the walk. On the next Saturday, he walks 1732m. How much further does he have left to walk?

g. A school has 1931 pencils. During the year they use 945 pencils. The next year they order another 1248 pencils. How many pencils do they have left?

Tip

Use column addition and subtraction when adding and subtracting large numbers.