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Subtraction Word Problems

Directions: Read and understand each word problem. Write your answer in the space provided.

1. Our company has a total of twenty dancers. A new company opened in our neighborhood. Five female	
dancers quit due to medical reasons. Eleven male dancers transferred to the new company. How many	
dancers does our company have left?	
2. Chloe needs to memorize ten poems for the school presentation. Her homeroom teacher asked her to	
memorize three more poems as a special performance piece. She memorized seven poems tonight.	
How many poems does she still need to memorize?	
3. The space team saw a total of ten asteroids on their home to Earth. They destroyed five asteroids.	
Two other asteroids bumped into each other and crashed together. They have to move fast to destroy	
them all. How many asteroids are left for them to destroy?	
4. There were twenty packs of chocolates inside the refrigerator. Mother remembered that she gave five	
packs of chocolates to our cousin. Father ate one pack of chocolates. My sister and I ate a total of	
three packs of chocolates. How many chocolates are left?	
5. The park is designed with different plants to attract new visitors. They planted thirteen beautiful	
plants. A visitor noticed that three plants wilted already. The manager asked a staff to hide two plants in	
the storage room. How many plants are left?	