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## Unknown Numbers in Sums and Differences - Step-by-Step Lesson

### Lesson 1:

Lee bought 6 bananas. A monkey came along and ate some bananas. Now he has 4 bananas. How many bananas did the monkey eat?



Lee's bananas



remaining bananas

### Explanation:

Step 1) First we look to see what is asked in problem:

How many bananas did monkey eat?

You can find the answer in two ways:

(1) Count bananas Lee had and how many are remaining. Find out how many bananas are missing.

(2) Count bananas Lee had and subtract the remaining bananas from them.

$$6 \quad - \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad = \quad 4$$

$$6 \quad - \quad 4 \quad = \quad 2$$

### Answer:

The monkey ate 2 bananas.

