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Subtraction Word Problems- Guided Lesson Explanation

Explanation#1

The problem asks for the difference between the total number of students and the number of students present today. That indicates that we will need to subtract.

Total number of students in the classroom was 44; the total number of absent students was 13.

Total – Absent = Number of Students Present

44 - 13 = 31

31 students are in the classroom today.

Explanation#2

To find the number of notebooks left we would need to find the difference between the number sold and the number of notebooks we started with.

Starting - # Sold = # Left Over

30 – 23 = 7

So the shopkeeper has 7 notebooks.

Explanation#3

Total money was $26.00. She spent $15.00. We subtract the amount spent from the starting total.

$26.00 - $15.00 = $11.00

So Delisa has $11.00

Answers is: $11.00