Two-step word problems worksheet

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Name _____ Date _____

For grown-ups: 12 two-step word problems problems, easier ones first. Let your child try each one alone, then check together with the answer key on page 2.

1. **Maya had 33 books and bought 26 more. How many now?**

   Answer: _____

2. **Noah had 37 stickers and bought 22 more. How many now?**

   Answer: _____

3. **Zoe had 42 shells and bought 25 more. How many now?**

   Answer: _____

4. **Priya had 37 coins and bought 21 more. How many now?**

   Answer: _____

5. **Sofia has 58 coins. A friend has 12 fewer. How many does the friend have?**

   Answer: _____

6. **Leo has 29 coins. A friend has 8 fewer. How many does the friend have?**

   Answer: _____

7. **Nia has 43 cards. A friend has 7 fewer. How many does the friend have?**

   Answer: _____

8. **Maya had 51 rocks, got 24 more, then gave away 6. How many now?**

   Answer: _____

9. **Leo has 35 shells. A friend has 14 fewer. How many does the friend have?**

   Answer: _____

10. **Diego had 54 cookies, got 19 more, then gave away 13. How many now?**

    Answer: _____

11. **Mateo has 56 cookies. A friend has 11 fewer. How many does the friend have?**

    Answer: _____

12. **Ava has 22 beads. A friend has 8 fewer. How many does the friend have?**

    Answer: _____

Answer key: Two-step word problems

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1. **59**
   33 + 26 = 59.
2. **59**
   37 + 22 = 59.
3. **67**
   42 + 25 = 67.
4. **58**
   37 + 21 = 58.
5. **46**
   "12 fewer" means subtract: 58 – 12 = 46.
6. **21**
   "8 fewer" means subtract: 29 – 8 = 21.
7. **36**
   "7 fewer" means subtract: 43 – 7 = 36.
8. **69**
   First 51 + 24 = 75. Then 75 – 6 = 69.
9. **21**
   "14 fewer" means subtract: 35 – 14 = 21.
10. **60**
    First 54 + 19 = 73. Then 73 – 13 = 60.
11. **45**
    "11 fewer" means subtract: 56 – 11 = 45.
12. **14**
    "8 fewer" means subtract: 22 – 8 = 14.