

# Easy or harder subtractions

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**This task is about subtraction.**

Here are two subtraction problems.

Once you have completed them, select which was harder for you to do, and explain why.

a) Mere had \$76 in her bank account.

She spent \$24.

How much did she have left in her account?

\$52

\$53

\$62

\$100

b) Alicia had \$54. She paid \$36 for some computer games.

How much did Alicia have left?

\$12

\$18

\$19

\$22

\$28

c) Which of the two questions did you find harder?

I think that  $\$76 - \$24$  was harder.

I think that  $\$54 - \$36$  was harder.

I think that they are just as hard as each other.

d) Explain your answer to question c).

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