Christmas Subtraction: Break a Ten

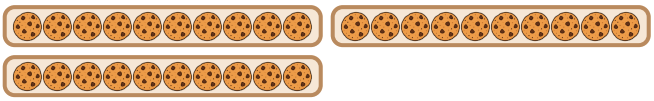
Grade 2

Name _____ Date _____

Grown-ups: each tray holds 10 cookies. When there are not enough single cookies to take away, your child "opens" a tray: cross it out and draw 10 loose cookies instead. That is regrouping.

Open a tray when you need more ones. Then subtract.

TENS



ONES



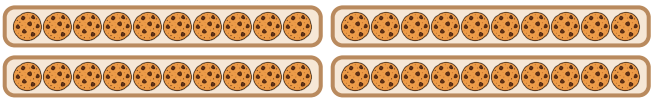
Take away **15** cookies.

Not enough ones? Cross out one tray and draw 10 cookies in the ones box.

	Tens	Ones
Now I have		

32 − 15 = ☐

TENS



ONES



Take away **17** cookies.

Not enough ones? Cross out one tray and draw 10 cookies in the ones box.

	Tens	Ones
Now I have		

41 − 17 = ☐

TENS



ONES



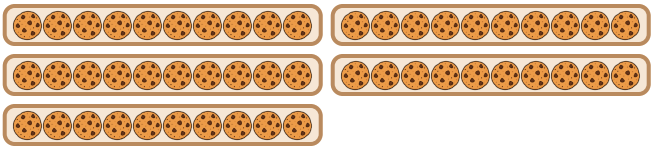
Take away **8** cookies.

Not enough ones? Cross out one tray and draw 10 cookies in the ones box.

	Tens	Ones
Now I have		

24 − 8 = ☐

TENS



ONES



Take away **26** cookies.

Not enough ones? Cross out one tray and draw 10 cookies in the ones box.

	Tens	Ones
Now I have		

53 − 26 = ☐

Santa's Toy Workshop

Grade 2

Name _____ Date _____

Subtract. Regroup when the top ones number is too small.



Cross out the tens number and write one less in the box above it. Add 10 to the ones and write the new number in the ones box. Then subtract the ones, then the tens.

42 − 17 = ____	35 − 18 = ____	60 − 24 = ____
73 − 46 = ____	51 − 29 = ____	84 − 37 = ____
66 − 49 = ____	90 − 52 = ____	47 − 28 = ____
72 − 35 = ____	31 − 14 = ____	95 − 68 = ____



North Pole Story Problems

Grade 2

Name _____ Date _____

Read each story. Write the subtraction sentence and solve it.

Line the numbers up as tens and ones in the work space so you can see when to regroup.



The elves made 52 toy trains. They packed 27 into Santa's sack. How many toy trains are left?

Work it out here

□ − □ = □



Santa has 45 letters to read. He has read 18 so far. How many letters does he still need to read?

Work it out here

□ − □ = □



A polar bear baked 34 cupcakes. Her friends ate 16. How many cupcakes are left?

Work it out here

□ − □ = □



There are 61 nutcrackers in the toy shop. The shop sells 35. How many nutcrackers are still in the shop?

Work it out here

□ − □ = □



The mailbox at the North Pole held 80 letters. The elves took out 43. How many letters are still inside?

Work it out here

□ − □ = □



Mrs. Claus sewed 56 teddy bears. 29 of them got red bows. How many teddy bears do not have a bow yet?

Work it out here

□ − □ = □

Christmas Riddle Decoder

Grade 2



Name _____ Date _____

Solve each problem. Remember to regroup!

1. 63 − 36 = ____

2. 52 − 17 = ____

3. 44 − 26 = ____

4. 71 − 49 = ____

5. 90 − 68 = ____

6. 83 − 37 = ____

7. 82 − 47 = ____

Find each answer in the code. Write its letter on the matching line.

18	22	27	33	35	38	45	46	54
A	P	W	T	R	N	S	E	O



What do you call an elf who sings?

A ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Christmas Subtraction

Answer Key

Page 1 – Break a ten

32 − 15 = 17 2 tens, 12 ones	**41 − 17 = 24** 3 tens, 11 ones	**24 − 8 = 16** 1 ten, 14 ones	**53 − 26 = 27** 4 tens, 13 ones

Page 2 – Toy workshop

3 12 ~~4~~ ~~2~~ − 1 7 2 5	2 15 ~~3~~ ~~5~~ − 1 8 1 7	5 10 ~~6~~ ~~0~~ − 2 4 3 6	6 13 ~~7~~ ~~3~~ − 4 6 2 7
4 11 ~~5~~ ~~1~~ − 2 9 2 2	7 14 ~~8~~ ~~4~~ − 3 7 4 7	5 16 ~~6~~ ~~6~~ − 4 9 1 7	8 10 ~~9~~ ~~0~~ − 5 2 3 8
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Page 3 – Story problems

1. **52 − 27 = 25**	2. **45 − 18 = 27**	3. **34 − 16 = 18**	4. **61 − 35 = 26**
5. **80 − 43 = 37**	6. **56 − 29 = 27**		

Page 4 – Riddle

1. **27 = W**	2. **35 = R**	3. **18 = A**	4. **22 = P**
5. **22 = P**	6. **46 = E**	7. **35 = R**	

What do you call an elf who sings? A wrapper! (a rapper)