KS1 Maths Quiz - Year 1 Calculation - Subtraction (Questions)

This quiz addresses the requirements of the National Curriculum KS1 Maths and Numeracy for children aged 5 and 6 in year 1. Specifically this quiz is aimed at the section dealing with understanding subtraction.

Subtraction is a key number operation, usually taught closely with addition. Understanding it begins with removing one group of objects from a larger group and then counting the remaining objects to find how many are left. This may lead to using numbers to represent the objects, number lines to support counting back and also to beginning to understand all the language associated with subtraction.

1. Zak has 18 marbles. Joe has 6 less than Zak. How many marbles does Joe have?
[ ] 11
[ ] 12
[ ] 10
[ ] 9

2. What is fifteen subtract four?
[ ] 12
[ ] 11
[ ] 5
[ ] 9

3. I have 15 crayons. I use 4 up and lose 5. How many do I have left?
[ ] 6
[ ] 7
[ ] 8
[ ] 9

4. Sue buys 10 bananas. She eats 2 of them. How may are left?
[ ] 8
[ ] 6
[ ] 2
[ ] 7

5. What is 8 subtracted from 11?
[ ] 4
[ ] 2
[ ] 5
[ ] 3

6. What is 15 - 8?
[ ] 8
[ ] 7
[ ] 15
[ ] 9

7. What is 4 less than 7?
[ ] 7
[ ] 4
[ ] 3
[ ] 47

8. What is the difference between 7 and 12?
[ ] 7
[ ] 4
[ ] 6
[ ] 5

9. What is 8 taken away from 17?
[ ] 8
[ ] 10
[ ] 9
[ ] 7

10. Sam has 12 toy cars. His brother takes 4 away. How many cars are left?
[ ] 4
[ ] 8
[ ] 12
[ ] 3

KS1 Maths Quiz - Year 1 Calculation - Subtraction (Answers)

1. **Zak has 18 marbles. Joe has 6 less than Zak. How many marbles does Joe have?**
    [ ] 11
    [x] 12
    [ ] 10
    [ ] 9
    'Less than' means counting back or subtracting

2. **What is fifteen subtract four?**
    [ ] 12
    [x] 11
    [ ] 5
    [ ] 9
    Subtract means taking away

3. **I have 15 crayons. I use 4 up and lose 5. How many do I have left?**
    [x] 6
    [ ] 7
    [ ] 8
    [ ] 9
    'How many left' is a clue to this being a subtraction

4. **Sue buys 10 bananas. She eats 2 of them. How may are left?**
    [x] 8
    [ ] 6
    [ ] 2
    [ ] 7
    'How many are left' is a clue that this is a subtraction question

5. **What is 8 subtracted from 11?**
    [ ] 4
    [ ] 2
    [ ] 5
    [x] 3
    'Subtracted from' means to take away from

6. **What is 15 - 8?**
    [ ] 8
    [x] 7
    [ ] 15
    [ ] 9
    Imagine having 15 sweets and taking 8 of them away. 7 would be left

7. **What is 4 less than 7?**
    [ ] 7
    [ ] 4
    [x] 3
    [ ] 47
    Counting back 4 from 7 gets you to 3

8. **What is the difference between 7 and 12?**
    [ ] 7
    [ ] 4
    [ ] 6
    [x] 5
    The difference between two numbers can be found by counting back from the highest to the lowest

9. **What is 8 taken away from 17?**
    [ ] 8
    [ ] 10
    [x] 9
    [ ] 7
    'Taken away' also means to subtract

10. **Sam has 12 toy cars. His brother takes 4 away. How many cars are left?**
    [ ] 4
    [x] 8
    [ ] 12
    [ ] 3
    Taking away is another way of saying subtracting