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Whatever you are counting, it will take away a part,



and leave you then with not as much as you had at the start.

If 7 angry bulldogs Were barking at your door,

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8



Then you'd be left with 4

And what if 13 hornets had nested in your tree?





It changes the amount,

so you'll wind up with fewer when you do your final count.



"Minus" means to take avvay some number from the vyhole.

> Like if you had 10 bowling pins and grabbed a ball to roll,







Norvall the pins are down because 2 minus 2 is 0.

In this case, "is" means "equals," or "totals just the same."

That sign means matching value in a problem or a game.



Like if you had 3 time-outs left and somehow lost your shoe,

Jour coach would have to call 1. and you'd be left with 2.

3 Was what you started with Then you Subtracted

rhat would equal 2 more left before the same was done

If Jenn had 12 stuffed animals, and she gave 2 to Sally,





then 5 more went to Marykate, here's how you'd do the tally:







Whenever we Subtract things, it can make us

depending on whatever there is less of good or bad.



Like ferver school days due to snow and less time with the dentist,

rot as much discomfort since the doctor fixed your bent wrist. A smaller _Plate of Vegetables, a shorter list of chores, less time with yo<mark>ur homework,</mark>



See! The numbers move toward O with a Shrinking kind of action.

"I all of this is possible because we have subtraction,







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