**Wild About Word Problems**

**Word Problems Using Addition and Subtraction**

**Instructions:**
Invite your child to read each word problem, show his or her work in the box below, and write the answer on the line.

**Helpful Hint:**
To help your child solve word problems, first have him or her identify the numbers in the problem. Then encourage your child to figure out if he or she will need to add or subtract. If your child is not sure, have him or her draw a picture to help figure out the problem.

**Example:**
6 monkeys are in the jungle. 5 more join them. How many monkeys are there altogether?

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\begin{array}{cc}
\text{6 monkeys} & \text{5 monkeys} \\
\end{array}
= \text{11 monkeys total}
$$
4 panthers are lying in the sun. 2 more panthers join them. How many panthers are lying in the sun now?

Show the problem.

4 monkeys are eating bananas in a tree. 4 of them decide to climb down. 2 monkeys in the tree then swing to a different tree. How many monkeys are left in the first tree?

Show the problem.

Emma sees 6 pandas at the zoo eating bamboo. 2 other pandas are napping. How many more pandas are eating bamboo than napping?

Show the problem.

A zookeeper has 18 peanuts to give to 2 elephants. Draw two different ways he can split the peanuts between the elephants.

Show the problem.
15 apes are grooming each other. 4 of them leave the group to search for food. How many apes stay behind?

5 boars are in a meadow. 3 more boars and 6 goats join them. How many animals are there in the meadow?

On a safari, Jack sees 15 animals in the desert and 7 in the jungle. How many more animals does he see in the desert than in the jungle?

A zookeeper has 10 bananas to give to 2 monkeys. Draw two different ways she can split the bananas between the monkeys.
4 panthers are lying in the sun. 2 more panthers join them. How many panthers are lying in the sun now?

\[
4 + 2 = 6
\]

Show the problem.

6 panthers
Write the answer.

6 monkeys are eating bananas in a tree. 4 of them decide to climb down. 2 monkeys in the tree then swing to a different tree. How many monkeys are left in the first tree?

\[
6 - 4 - 2 = 0
\]

Show the problem.

0 monkeys
Write the answer.

Emma sees 6 pandas at the zoo eating bamboo. 2 other pandas are napping. How many more pandas are eating bamboo than napping?

\[
6 - 2 = 4
\]

Show the problem.

4 more pandas
Write the answer.

A zookeeper has 18 peanuts to give to 2 elephants. Draw two different ways he can split the peanuts between the elephants.

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{or} \\
\text{(Answers will vary.)}
\end{array}
\]

Show the problem.

Possible Answers: 1 and 17; 2 and 16; 3 and 15; 4 and 14; 5 and 13; 6 and 12; 7 and 11; 8 and 10; 9 and 9
Write the answer.
15 apes are grooming each other. 4 of them leave the group to search for food. How many apes stay behind?

\[ 15 - 4 = 11 \]

Show the problem.

11 apes

Write the answer.

5 boars are in a meadow. 3 more boars and 6 goats join them. How many animals are there in the meadow?

\[ 5 + 3 + 6 = 14 \]

Show the problem.

14 animals

Write the answer.

On a safari, Jack sees 15 animals in the desert and 7 in the jungle. How many more animals does he see in the desert than in the jungle?

\[ 15 - 7 = 8 \]

Show the problem.

8 more animals

Write the answer.

A zookeeper has 10 bananas to give to 2 monkeys. Draw two different ways she can split the bananas between the monkeys.

(Answers will vary.)

Show the problem.

Possible Answers: 1 and 9; 2 and 8; 3 and 7; 4 and 6; 5 and 5

Write the answer.