

- Objective:**
 Solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations to use and why. Use simple formulae. Express missing number problems algebraically

Year 6 Task:

$$A + B = 270$$

$$B + C = 280$$

$$A + B + C = 400$$

Value of A =

Value of B =

Value of C =

Worked example

$$400 - 270 = 130$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 400 \\ - 270 \\ \hline 130 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ A+B+C \\ | \\ A+B \\ | \\ \text{value of } C \end{array}$$

400		
A	B	C
270		130

$$280 - 130 = 150$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 280 \\ - 130 \\ \hline 150 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ B+C \\ | \\ \text{value of } C \\ | \\ \text{value of } B \end{array}$$

280	
B	C
150	130

$$270 - 150 = 120$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 270 \\ - 150 \\ \hline 120 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ A+B \\ | \\ \text{value of } B \\ | \\ \text{value of } A \end{array}$$

270	
A	B
120	150

Variation

$$A + B = 275$$

$$B + C = 265$$

$$A + B + C = 400$$

Value of A =

Value of B =

Value of C =

Show your workings here:

Answers: A = 135, B = 140, C = 125

$$A + B = 251$$

$$B + C = 250$$

$$A + B + C = 373$$

Value of A =

Value of B =

Value of C =

Show your workings here:

Can you create your own problems for someone else to solve? Hint: Identify the totals for A, B and C first and then complete the number sentences. Have fun!

Answers: A = 123, B = 128, C = 122