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a. how many red teddy bears were left if he sold 4 white teddy bears?

b. how many white teddy bears were left in general?

c. how many teddy bears were left in general?

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   Total number of problems his teacher gave him = 12

   Number of problems he got wrong = 5

   Therefore, number of problems he got right = total number of problems the teacher gave

              – number of problems he got wrong.

              = 12 – 5 = 7

   So, the subtract expression is : 12 – 5 = 7.

2. When James bought his cat, it weighed 6 kilograms. After two months of eating well, it now weighs 13 kilograms. How much weight has it gained? Write a subtraction expression that fits this description above.

   Weight of the cat now = 13 kg

   Weight of the cat before two months = 6 kg

   Therefore, weight gained by the cat = weight of the cat now – weight of the cat before two months.

              = 13 – 6 = 7

   So, the subtraction expression is 13 – 6 = 7.

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   Total number of teddy bears in the shop = 20

   Total number of red teddy bears in the shop = 9

   Total number of teddy bears sold = 9

   Number of white teddy bears sold = 4

   Number of red teddy bears sold =

      Total number of teddy bears sold - number of white teddy bears sold = 9 - 4 = 5

   Therefore, number of red teddy bears left =

      Total number of red teddy bears in the shop – number of red teddy bears sold = 9 – 5 = 4

   So, the subtraction expression is 9 – 5 = 4.