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## Algebra 1 – Unit 2 – Linear Equation Word Problems (Easy)

Read each word problem carefully. Write an equation and solve for  $x$ . Show your work.

1. There were  $x$  birds on a fence. 1 birds flew away. Now there are 19 birds on the fence. How many birds were there at first?

Equation: \_\_\_\_\_

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

2. There were  $x$  cookies in a jar. Sarah ate 5 cookies. Now there are 6 cookies left. How many cookies were there at first?

Equation: \_\_\_\_\_

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

3. A theater had  $x$  people inside. 2 people left during intermission. There are 9 people still in the theater. How many people were there at first?

Equation: \_\_\_\_\_

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

4. In a parking lot, there are  $x$  cars. Then 9 more cars arrive. Now there are 23 cars total. How many cars were there at first?

Equation: \_\_\_\_\_

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_



# Algebra 1 – Unit 2 – Linear Equation Word Problems (Easy) – Answer Key

1. There were  $x$  birds on a fence. 1 birds flew away. Now there are 19 birds on the fence. How many birds were there at first?

Equation:  $x - 1 = 19$

Solution:  $x = 20$

2. There were  $x$  cookies in a jar. Sarah ate 5 cookies. Now there are 6 cookies left. How many cookies were there at first?

Equation:  $x - 5 = 6$

Solution:  $x = 11$

3. A theater had  $x$  people inside. 2 people left during intermission. There are 9 people still in the theater. How many people were there at first?

Equation:  $x - 2 = 9$

Solution:  $x = 11$

4. In a parking lot, there are  $x$  cars. Then 9 more cars arrive. Now there are 23 cars total. How many cars were there at first?

Equation:  $x + 9 = 23$

Solution:  $x = 14$