Subtraction Meanings

Dawn received a total of 12 stars on Monday and Tuesday. She received 7 of the stars on Monday. How many stars did she receive on Tuesday?

You can draw a picture to find how many stars Dawn received on Tuesday.

First, draw 12 stars.

Next, put a line through the 7 stars that Dawn received Monday.

Count the number of stars that are not crossed off.
There are 5.
So, \(12 - 7 = 5\).

You can add to check subtraction: \(7 + 5 = 12\), so \(12 - 7 = 5\).

Dawn received 5 stars on Tuesday.

Find each difference. Make a drawing to help you.

1. \(13 - 4 = \) 
2. \(16 - 9 = \) 
3. \(15 - 7 = \) 
4. \(11 - 6 = \) 
5. \(12 - 8 = \) 
6. \(14 - 5 = \) 

7. **Estimation** There are 21 players on the Titans baseball team. Only 9 players can play at any one time. About how many players are not playing?

8. An octagon has 8 sides. A pentagon has 5 sides. How many more sides does an octagon have than a pentagon?