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SUBTRACTION WORD PROBLEMS

Solve the word problems.

1. There are some children playing in the playground. 5 children are playing hide and seek. If there are 12 children in the playground, how many children are not playing hide and seek?



$$5 + 2 = 7$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 12 - 5 \\
 \swarrow \quad \searrow \\
 10 \quad 2 \\
 10 - 5 = 5 \\
 5 + 2 = 7
 \end{array}$$

7 children are not playing hide and seek.

2. Lisa bought some pens. There are 9 red pens. Lisa also bought some blue pens. If she bought 17 pens, how many blue pens are there?

