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SUBTRACTION WORD PROBLEMS

Read the math story and use drawing or number bond to show how you know who is right.

Example:

- i. a) David says that the expressions $12 - 8$ and $13 - 9$ are equal. Daisy says they are not equal. Who is right?

David:

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 - 8 = 13 - 9 \\ \begin{array}{cc} 10 & 2 \\ \diagdown & / \end{array} & \begin{array}{cc} 10 & 3 \\ \diagdown & / \end{array} \\ 10 - 8 = 2 & 10 - 9 = 1 \\ 2 + 2 = 4 & 1 + 3 = 4 \\ 4 = 4 \end{array}$$

David is right.

- b) Daisy says that the expressions $14 - 7$ and $15 - 7$ are not equal. David says they are equal. Who is right?

- c) David says that to solve $16 - 8$, I can take 2 from 16 and give it to 8 to make it 10. So, $16 - 8$ is equal to $14 - 10$. Daisy thinks David made a mistake. Who is correct?

- d) David and Daisy are trying to find several subtraction number sentences that start with number larger than 10 and always have an answer of 6. Help them figure out number sentences. They started the first one.

$$15 - 9 = \underline{\quad}$$