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# The Mail Comes to Main Street

by John Manos



Word Count: 232\*

## The Big Idea

This book shows students examples of subtraction with one-digit numbers.

### Skills at a Glance

#### Monitor-Reading

- Read aloud to clarify

#### Comprehension

- Identify sequence of events

#### Phonics

- Diphthong /ou/ (count, flower, how, now)

#### Word Study

- Context clues (carries, left, mail, subtract)

#### Fluency

- Read smoothly with minimal breaks

#### Content Vocabulary

- count, subtract

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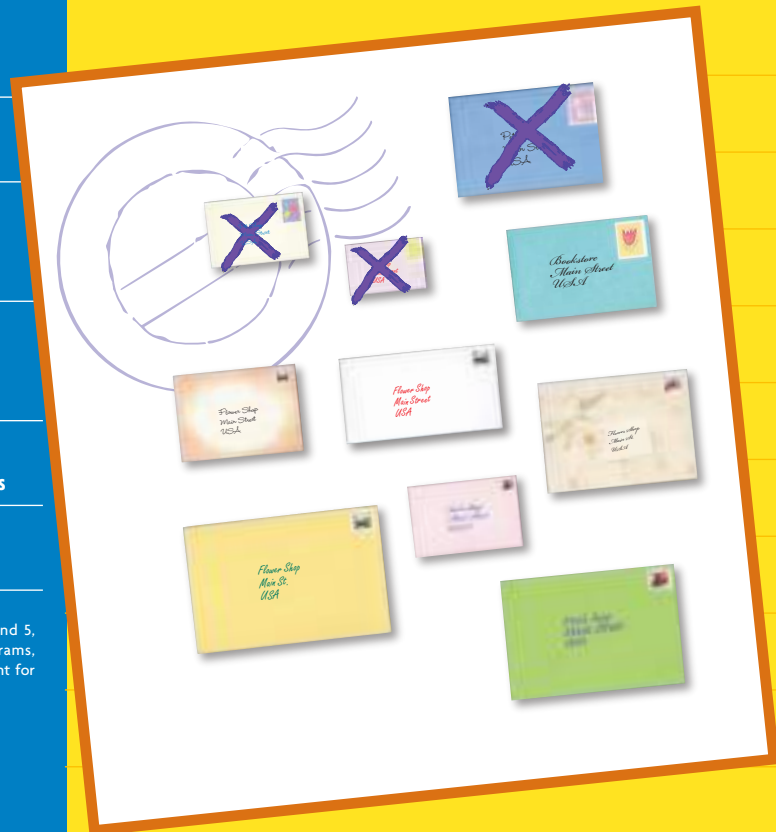
Theme:

**Subtraction**



Math

# How do you use subtraction every day?



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I need to know these words.

**bookstore**



**bakeshop**



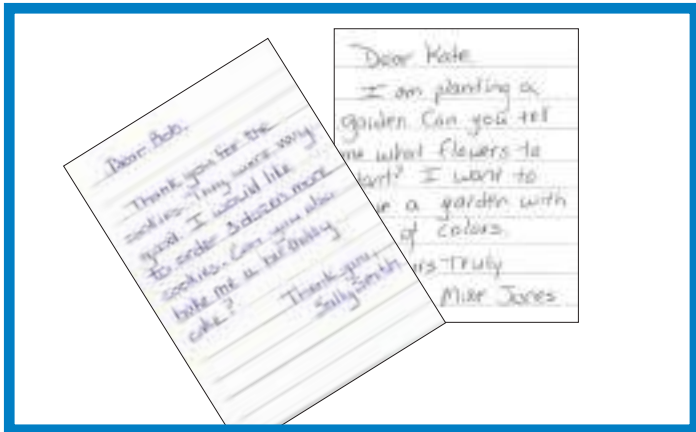
**carries**



count



letters



mail



Dan carries mail to people.  
Dan carries mail to Main Street.  
Dan has 12 letters for Main Street.



▲ Dan carries letters.





Dan carries big and small letters.  
Dan carries letters in his bag.  
Count the number of letters in his bag.



▲ Some pieces of mail are big.  
Some are little.

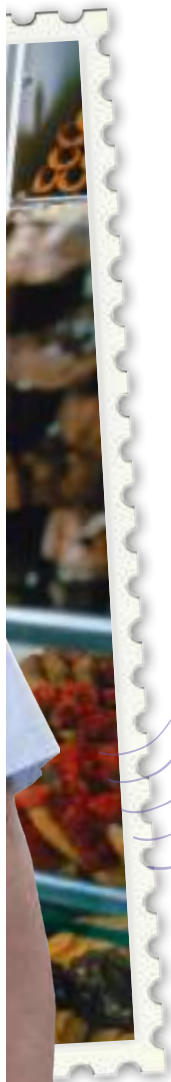
First, Dan stops at the bakeshop.



▲ Dan has mail for the baker.



Dan has 2 letters for the bakeshop.  
How many letters does Dan have now?  
Subtract to find the number.



$$12 - 2 = 10$$



Next, Dan goes to the pet shop.  
He has 3 letters for the pet shop.



▲ Dan has mail for Lin.



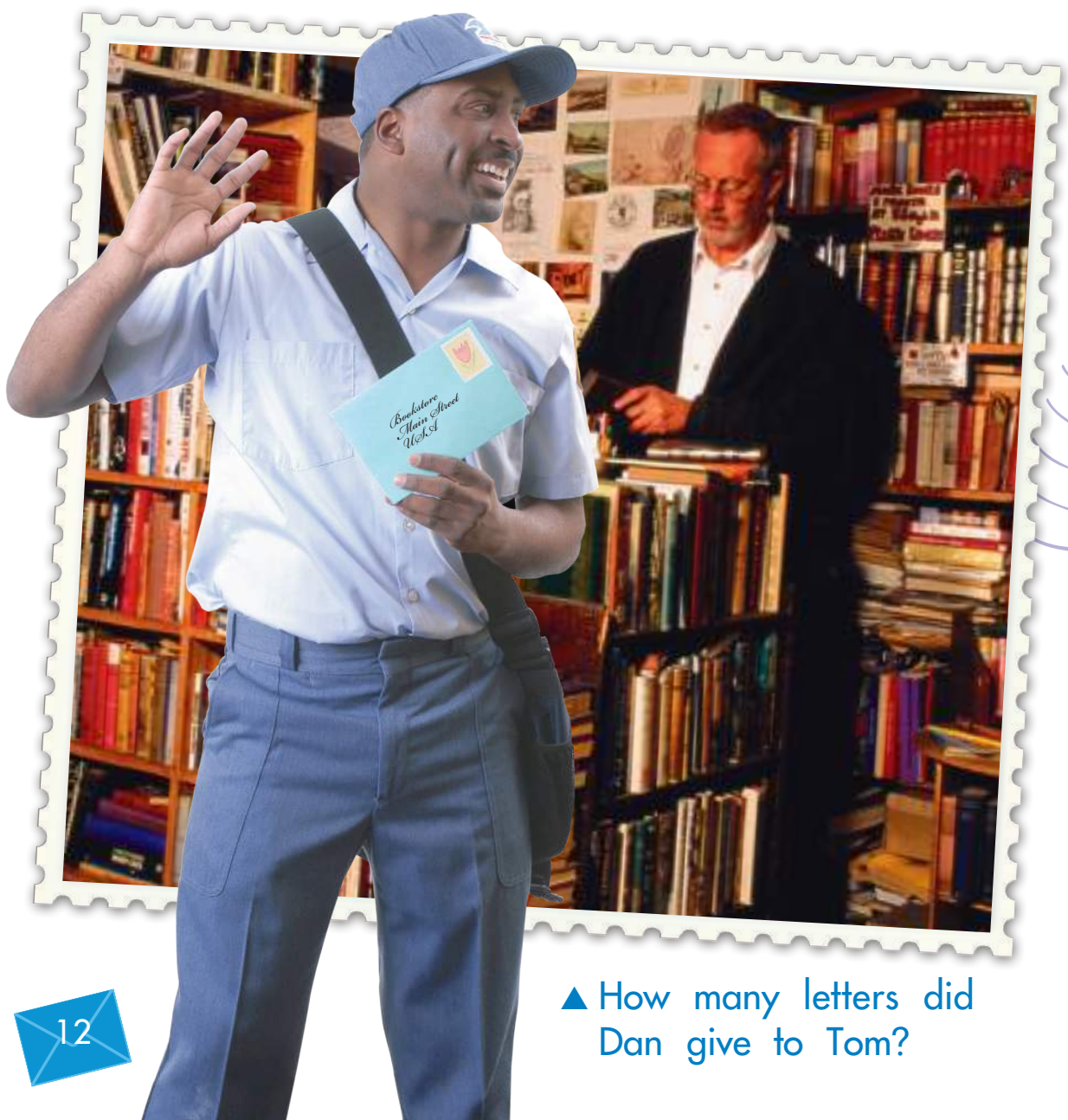
How many letters does Dan have left?



$$10 - 3 = 7$$



Now Dan goes to the bookstore.  
The bookstore gets 1 letter.



How many letters does Dan have left?



▲ Count how many letters Dan has now.

$$7 - 1 = 6$$



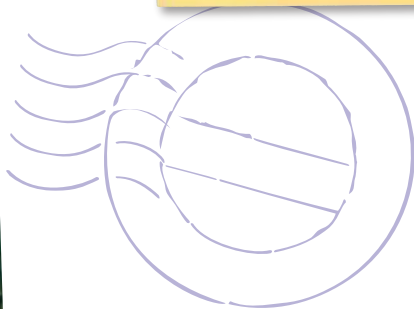
Next, Dan goes to the flower shop.  
He has mail for the flower shop.



▲ Dan has mail for Kate.



Dan has 4 letters for the flower shop.  
How many letters does Dan have left?



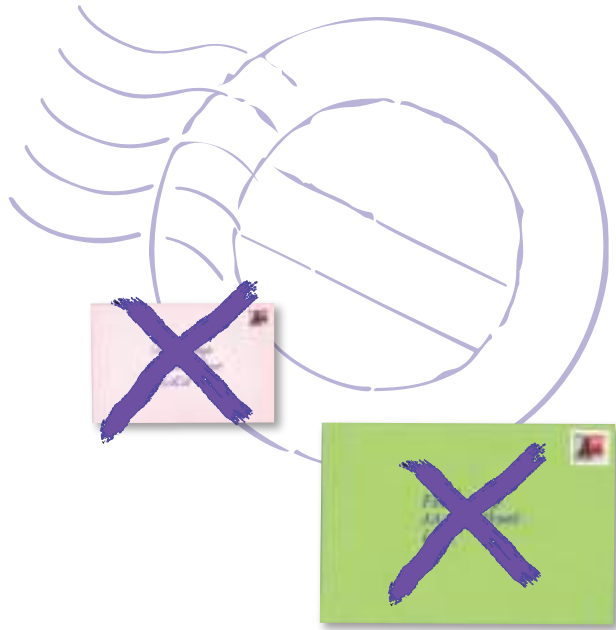
$$6 - 4 = 2$$

Dan's last stop is the food shop.  
Dan has 2 letters for the food shop.



▲ Dan has letters for Joe.

How many letters are left in his bag?  
None!



$$2 - 2 = 0$$



Now all the people on Main Street have their mail.

