

Arithmetic — Word problems

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Read each problem. Write the answer.

- 1 Two ropes lie side by side. The longer one measures 45 centimeters and the shorter one measures 19 centimeters.

What is the difference between the two lengths? $45 - 19 = 26$ centimeters

- 2 A 43-inch piece is taken from a rope of 57 inches.

How much of the rope is left? ____

- 3 A 42-centimeter stick is tied to a 38-centimeter stick.

How long is the joined stick? ____

- 4 Ribbon A is 21 inches long and ribbon B is 31 inches long.

What is the total length of ribbon A and ribbon B? ____

- 5 A ribbon measures 42 centimeters. Someone cuts 27 centimeters off one end.

How long is the ribbon now? ____



Word problems — Answer key



1. $45 - 19 = 26$ centimeters

2. $57 - 43 = 14$ inches

3. $42 + 38 = 80$ centimeters

4. $21 + 31 = 52$ inches

5. $42 - 27 = 15$ centimeters