

Arithmetic — Word problems

Name: _____

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Read each problem. Write the answer.

- 1 At midnight, the temperature was at 5°C . The temperature then fell 17 degrees by the afternoon.

What was the temperature then? $5 - 17 = -12$ degrees

- 2 An account went from -7 dollars to 0 dollars.

What is the difference between the two balance readings, in dollars? ____

- 3 At the start, a hiker was at 6 meters. The hiker then descended 7 meters after an hour.

What was the elevation then? ____

- 4 From a reading of 0, a submarine dove the same 9 meters on each of 8 occasions.

What is the depth now? ____



Word problems — Answer key

1. $5 - 17 = -12$ degrees

2. $0 - (-7) = 7$ dollars

3. $6 - 7 = -1$ meter

4. $8 \times (-9) = -72$ meters