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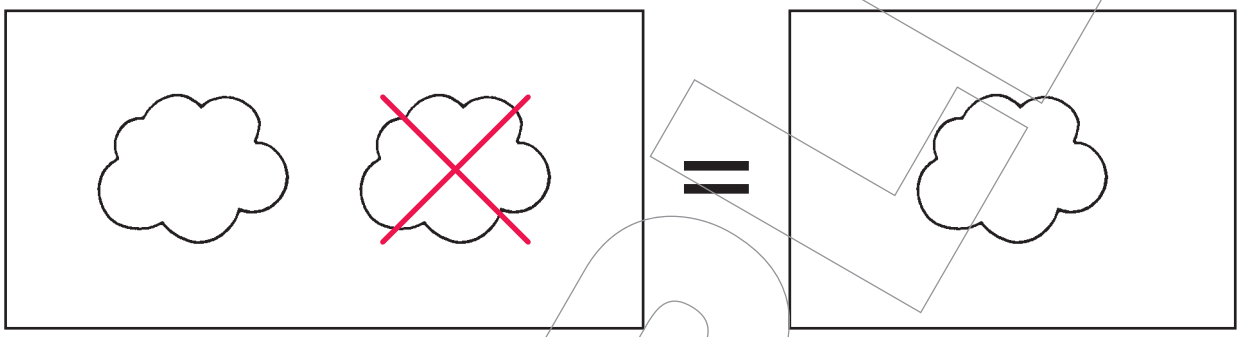
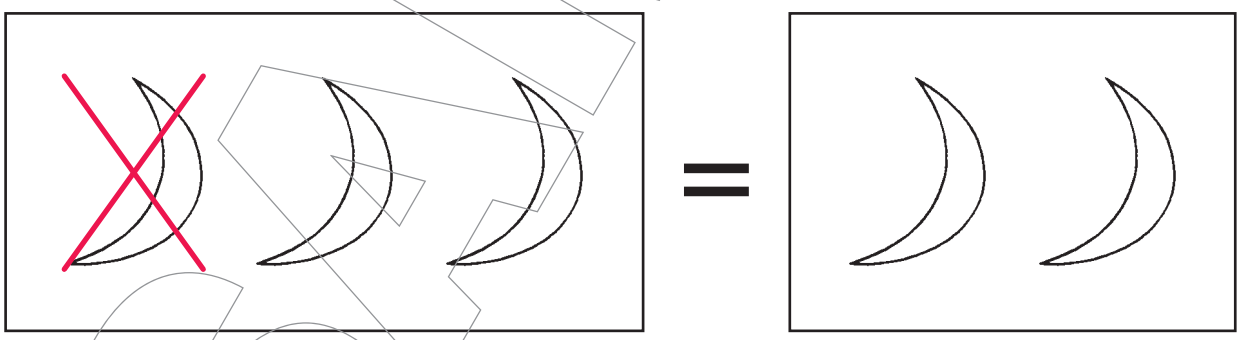
Subtract to take away. Look at the set. Take away a number of objects. Then you have a new set with the objects that are left.

There are 2 clouds in the set below. The problem says to take away 1. Cross out 1 cloud. There is 1 cloud that is not crossed out. So, there is 1 cloud left.



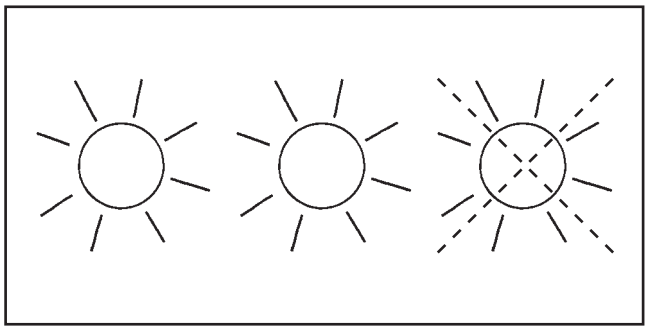
2 take away 1 = 1

There are 3 moons in the set below. The problem says to take away 1. Cross out 1 moon. How many moons are not crossed out? There are 2 moons left.



3 take away 1 = 2

Draw and write the answer.



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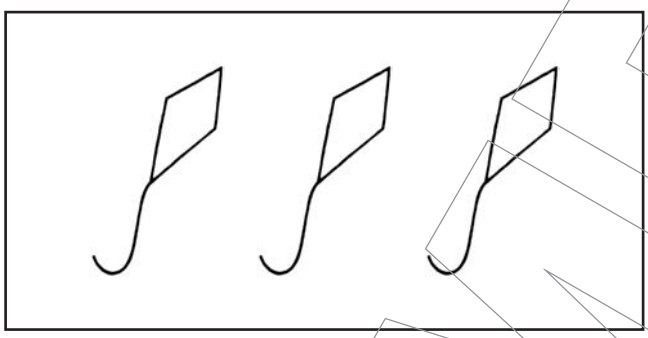

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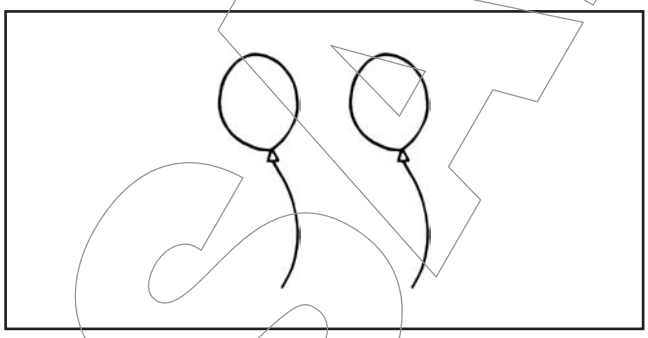

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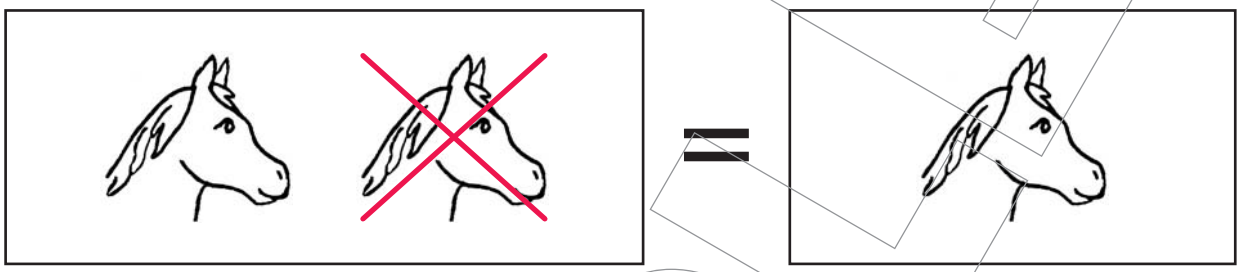
2 take away 1 = _____

There is a special sign to show subtraction. The sign looks like this: −. It is called a **minus sign.**

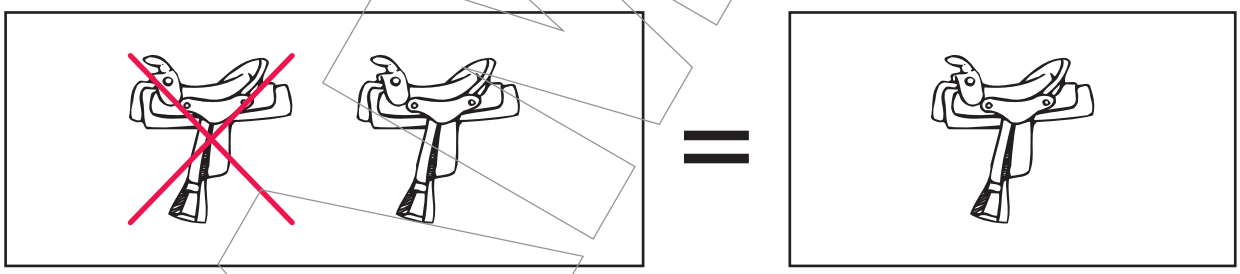
The problem below shows subtraction. There are 2 horses. Then 1 horse is taken away. So there is 1 horse left. Use the minus sign and the equals sign to show the subtraction.



2 − 1 = 1

You can say, "2 horses minus 1 horse equals 1 horse."

Look at the problem below. It shows subtraction. Write a − sign.



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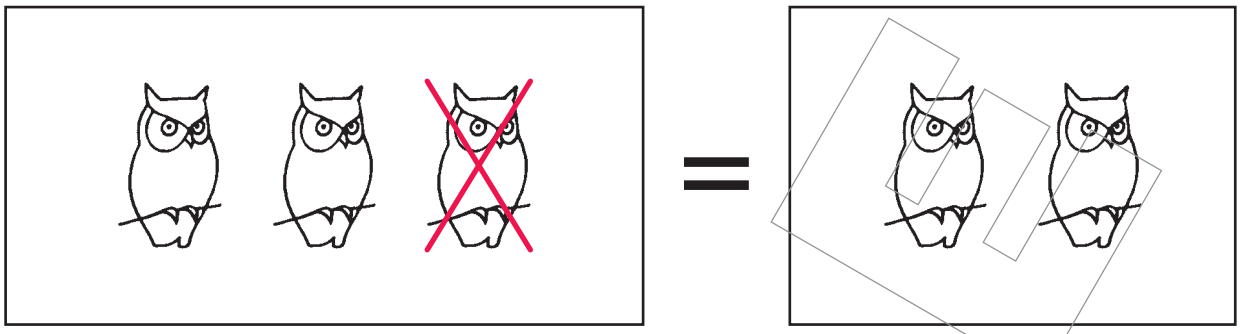
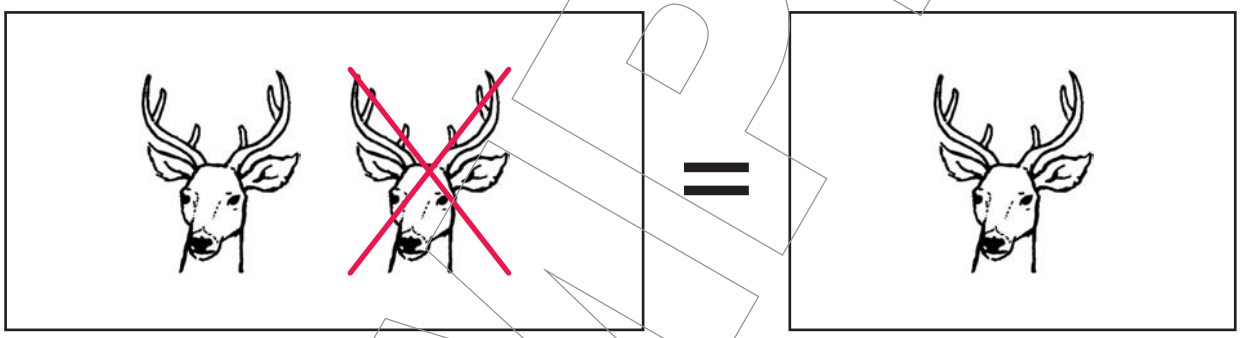


3 … 1 = 2



2 − 1 = 1

Write a − sign. Write an = sign.

3 − 1 = 2

2 − 1 = 1