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Students are learning to solve unknown number stories. In the problems below, students need to think about how many they are starting with and ending with. Then have them use strategies to solve the missing number.

They may need to use counters.

Directions: Write an equation and solve.

**Example:** I have 10 M&Ms. I eat some. Now I have 3. How many did I eat?

$$10 - \underline{7} = 3$$

1. There are 10 kids playing at the park. Some kids leave. Now there are 4 kids playing at the park. How many left?
2. There are 7 ladybugs. Some fly away. Now there are 2 ladybugs. How many flew away?
3. I have 12 presents. I open some. Now I have 7. How many did I open?
4. I have 11 cookies. I eat some. Now I have 8 cookies. How many did I eat?