# Subtract by Finding the Difference

Match the counters from the same starting point. Find each difference.

**LOOK TOGETHER**

Ava (10) ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ◎◎◎

Noah (7) ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**10 - 7 = 3**

3 counters do not match.

**The difference is 3.**

Line up one counter from each row. Count what is left unmatched.

**1. Compare 12 buttons for Leah and 8 for Nia.**

Leah (12) ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ◎◎◎◎

Nia (8) ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**Difference:** **12** - **8** = **4** buttons

**2. Compare 6 buttons for Mo and 9 for Ivy.**

Mo (6) ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Ivy (9) ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ◎◎◎

**Difference:** **9** - **6** = **3** buttons

**3. Compare 7 buttons for Kai and 7 for Zoe.**

Kai (7) ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Zoe (7) ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**Difference:** **7** - **7** = **0** buttons

Equal amounts have a difference of zero. Empty drawing boxes are not counters.

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Subtract the smaller amount from the larger amount to find the difference.

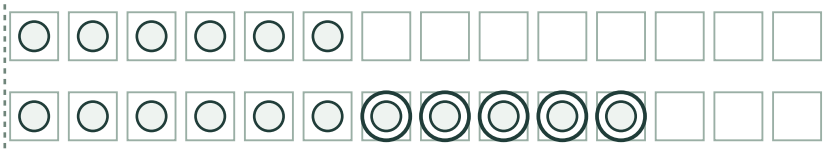
## Draw and compare

Start in the left box. Draw one dot per box. Circle the unmatched dots.

**4. Draw 6 buttons for Elif and 11 for Ben.**

Elif (6)

Ben (11)

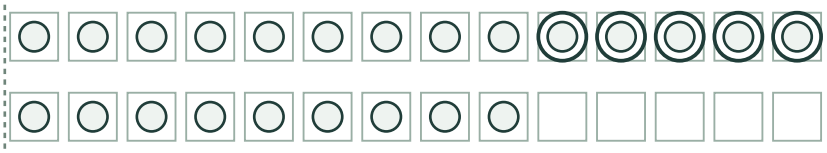


**Difference:** 11 - 6 = 5 buttons

**5. Draw 14 buttons for Tess and 9 for Mo.**

Tess (14)

Mo (9)

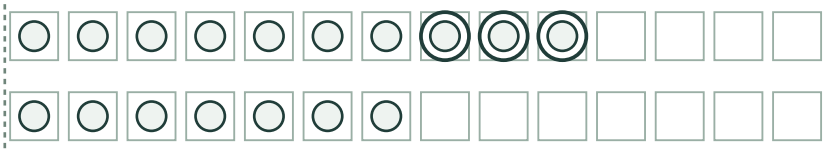


**Difference:** 14 - 9 = 5 buttons

**6. Draw 10 buttons for Sam and 7 for Ari.**

Sam (10)

Ari (7)



**Difference:** 10 - 7 = 3 buttons

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