Subtract by Finding the Difference

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

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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.

Subtract by Finding the Difference

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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