

## \* 3.5. Number stories

Make up a story to go with one of these number sentences.

$$18 - 6 = 12$$

$$24 - 9 = 15$$

$$12 + 6 = 18$$

$$53 - 7 = 46$$

$$46 + 7 = 53$$

$$15 + 9 = 24$$

Think about how you will use the numbers in the number sentence in your story.

Tell your story to a partner.

Can they tell you which number sentence you used?

Choose a number sentence and tell a story.

Your partner then tells a story to undo your number sentence.

For example, if the story is about  $15 + 9 = 24$ , the undoing story would be about  $24 - 9 = 15$ .

$$18 - 6 = 12$$

I can see 18 cats.

6 of them run away

How many are left? 12

 $12 + 6 = 18$

I have got 12 pencils.

My cousin gives me 6 more pencils.

How many **in all?** 18