Mixed Word Problems

Read carefully — some stories ask you to add, and some to take away.

1. Ella found 19 shells on the beach. Then she found 16 more. How many shells does Ella have now?

   Answer: _____ shells

2. There are 38 cupcakes for the fair. 25 are sold in the morning. How many cupcakes are left?

   Answer: _____ cupcakes

3. A hen has 12 chicks. Another hen has 15 chicks. How many chicks are there altogether?

   Answer: _____ chicks

4. Tom built a tower with 47 blocks. It fell and 19 blocks rolled away. How many blocks are still in the tower?

   Answer: _____ blocks

5. There are 26 red balloons and 18 blue balloons at the party. How many balloons are there in all?

   Answer: _____ balloons

6. A shelf held 44 books. Sam took 16 books to read. How many books are on the shelf now?

   Answer: _____ books