

**Directions** Have children listen to each story and use counters to help them solve the problem. If it is a subtraction story, have them trace Xs on the objects that are subtracted. For addition stories, have children draw more objects. Then have them write the addition or subtraction sentence. If *Stewart built 5 sandcastles*. *Waves knocked down 2 of them. How many sandcastles are left?* Shana saw 2 balls at the beach. Later that day, she saw 3 more balls. How many balls did she see in all? Kate baked 6 muffins. Her brother ate 3 of them. How many muffins are left?

