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## A Memory S-S-Slip

Vinnie Viper forgot something at home when he rushed off to school this morning! Discover what Vinnie forgot by solving the problems below.

**Directions:** Work backward to solve each problem. Write each answer in word form on the blanks provided. Then match a circled letter to each numbered blank at the bottom of the page to find out what Vinnie Viper forgot.



1. Camie Cobra bought a new school uniform this year. She paid \$21.95 for a skirt. Her sweater cost twice as much as the skirt. She had \$3.15 left. How much did she have before she bought her new uniform?  dollars
2. Kelly King Snake collects stickers. She earned 5 stickers for cleaning off the chalkboard. She earned 12 more stickers for turning in her homework on time. She now has 38 stickers in her collection. How many stickers did Kelly have before she earned her rewards?  stickers
3. Caroline Copperhead spent \$12.75 of her savings at the fall fair. She spent 3 times that amount the next week on a new skateboard. She has \$28.00 left. How much money had Caroline saved before going to the fair?  dollars
4. Randy Rattlesnake bought a bag of suckers to share with his friends at school. He gave his best friend 12 suckers, then divided the rest of the suckers evenly between himself and three other friends. Randy ended up with 18 suckers for himself. How many suckers were in the bag that Randy bought?  suckers
5. Sally Serpent is in a fourth-grade class. Four new students joined her class on the second day of school. On the third day of school, 9 students were moved to another class. If she now has 31 students in her class, how many students were there on the first day of school?  students
6. Cathy Coral is in a coin-collecting club at school. She started the year with 100 coins. She gave away 10. Then she gave away 8, then 6, and so on down to 1. How many coins does Cathy have now?  coins
7. After school, Brian Box went to the mall and spent \$6.50 on baseball cards, \$12.00 on a T-shirt, and \$6.50 on a cap. On his way home, he bought a snack. Brian had \$40.00 when he got to the mall and came home with \$8.00 in his wallet. How much did Brian spend on the snack?  dollars
8. Peter Python loves to make paper airplanes. At recess, he gave away 30 to his friends and divided the remaining planes among his 4 brothers. If Peter's brothers each received 8 planes, how many planes did Pete have in his collection?  paper airplanes

Vinnie Viper forgot his \_\_\_\_\_ at home!

**Bonus Idea:** On the back of this sheet, write a problem similar to the ones above. Challenge a friend to solve your problem using the working backward strategy.

