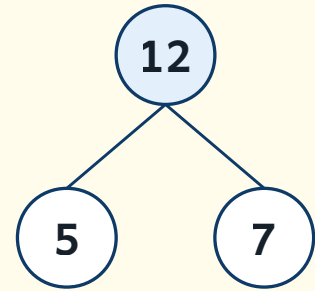


TURNING A STORY INTO A BOXED SENTENCE

- 1 Liam had **12** apples, gave some away and had **7** left.
- 2 'Gave away' means subtract, and **12** is known first: $12 - \square = 7$.
- 3 The bond shows the missing part: $12 - 7 = 5$.

 **PRACTICE**

- 1 A basket had 5 apples and 7 more were added. Write the number sentence with a box for how many there are now, then solve it.
- 2 Aoife had some buns. The baker gave her 4 more and now she has 11. Write the sentence with a box for how many she started with, then solve it.
- 3 A shelf held 12 tins. Some were sold and 7 were left. Write the sentence with a box for how many were sold, then solve it.
- 4 A tray had some scones. After 6 were eaten, 9 were left. Write the sentence with a box for how many were on the tray at first, then solve it.
- 5 A jar held 45 sweets. More were poured in until there were 100. Write the sentence with a box for how many were poured in, then solve it.
- 6 A crate had some oranges and 38 more were added to reach 112. Write the sentence with a box for how many oranges the crate started with, then solve it.

! SPOT THE MISTAKE

Seán turns this story into a number sentence: 'Mia had some marbles. She got 6 more and then had 15.'

$$6 + 15 = \square$$

Seán's number sentence is wrong. Write the correct sentence and find the missing number.

REFLECT

Do you prefer a box or a letter for the unknown — and why?