Making Sense of Subtraction Equations

In **1–8**, decide if the two sides are equal. If yes, write =. If no, write \neq (not equal).

2. 10 – 4
$$\bigcirc$$
 5

1.
$$9 \bigcirc 16 - 7$$
 2. $10 - 4 \bigcirc 5$ **3.** $41 - 12 \bigcirc 29$ **4.** $12 \bigcirc 14 - 1$

5. 18 – 12
$$\bigcirc$$
 7

5.
$$18 - 12 \bigcirc 7$$
 6. $14 \bigcirc 17 - 3$ **7.** $33 \bigcirc 44 - 11$ **8.** $27 - 9 \bigcirc 18$

In **9–16,** find the value for *n* that makes the equation true.

9.
$$7 = 16 - n$$

10.
$$12 = n - 3$$

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 10. $12 = n - 3$ **11.** $20 = 32 - n$ **12.** $n - 6 = 3$

12.
$$n-6=3$$

13.
$$8 - n = 8$$

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 14. $24 - n = 14$ **15.** $n = 45 - 6$ **16.** $8 = 10 - n$

15.
$$n = 45 - 6$$

16.
$$8 = 10 - r$$

For 17 and 18, use the given equation to solve the problem.

17. Mia has 8 roses. Linda has 13 roses. How many fewer roses does Mia have than Linda?

$$13 - n = 8$$

18. Juan collected 7 fewer rocks than Jenn. Juan collected 24 rocks. How many rocks did Jenn collect?

$$n - 7 = 24$$

- 19. Model Bill has 18 coins. He uses some coins. Now he has 7 left. How many coins did he use? Write an equation to model the problem.
- **20.** Which value for *n* makes the equation n - 12 = 26 true?

A
$$n = 37$$

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 C $n = 43$

B
$$n = 38$$

D
$$n = 56$$