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- 1** Look at each subtraction problem below. Think about which strategy makes the most sense for each problem. Solve each problem.

<p>a</p> $\begin{array}{r} 4875 \\ - 4859 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<p>What strategy did you use? Why did you use this strategy?</p>
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<p>b</p> $\begin{array}{r} 1,685 \\ 1,685 \end{array}$	<p>What strategy did you use? Why did you use this strategy?</p>
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<p>c</p> $\begin{array}{r} 699 \\ - 424 \\ \hline \end{array}$	<p>What strategy did you use? Why did you use this strategy?</p>
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- 2** Fill in the blanks in the equations below.

$498 - 323 = 500 - \underline{\quad}$

$68 - \underline{\quad} = 70 - 55$

$1003 - 498 = \underline{\quad} - 495$

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- 3** Jenny got a box of 15 stickers for her birthday. Use this information as you solve each problem below. Use numbers, labeled sketches, or words to show your thinking.
- a** Jenny used 5 stickers on a thank-you card. What fraction of the box did she use?

 - b** Jenny gave her brother 4 stickers. What fraction does she have left out of her box of 15?
- 4** After she gave some crayons to her brother, Jenny's dog ate 3 of her stickers.
- a** Now what fraction does Jenny have left of her original box of 15 stickers?

 - b** What fraction of the crayons went to Jenny's brother and her dog?
- 5** The third grade gymnastics team has 279 points. In order to place in the top three teams, they'll need a score of 425 or more. How many more points do they need to earn in order to rank in the top three?
- 6** **CHALLENGE** Brendan needs to mail a 12-page letter to his friend in Texas. It costs \$1.38 to mail all 12 sheets together. A 6-page letter costs 68¢ to mail. A 4-page letter costs 45¢ to mail. Envelopes cost 3¢ each. What is the least expensive way to mail his 12 pages?