

Greater More, Fewer Less

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How many fewer and how many less...
Have something in common ...
Shall I let you guess?
The process is easy ...surprisingly so...
Subtraction is always the best way to go...

RAP:
Bobby has 5 cats and Billy has 12...
HOW MANY FEWER has Bobby than Bill?
HOW MANY FEWER's the clue that we know....
SUBTRACTION is always the best way to go...

So 12 minus 5? We say HOW MANY LESS....
Is 5 than 12, but we don't need to guess.....
Forever and always we know this is fact...
That HOW MANY LESS is a clue to subtract!!!

But how many greater and how many more...
Are questions that sometimes we think are a chore...
But don't let them fool you
They're easily done...
Subtraction's the process here too...This is fun!!!

RAP:
Martha has 9 dogs and Flora has 4...
HOW MANY GREATER has Martha than Flor?
9 minus 4 is the problem we see...
Subtraction's the process for you and for me...

Annie has 7 dolls...Trixie has 6...
HOW MANY MORE dolls has Annie than Trix?...
HOW MANY MORE you may THINK would mean add...
But HOW MANY MORE means subtract!!!! Ask my dad!!!.

So finding the answer is easy for you...
Whenever you hear these you'll know what to do...
With HOW MANY FEWER, LESS, GREATER or MORE...
Always subtraction will get the right score....