## Addition and Subtraction Problem Types (continued)

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## Difference <br> Unknown

At a zoo, the female black bear weighs 175 pounds. The male black bear weighs 260 pounds. How much more does the male black bear weigh than the female black bear?

At a zoo, the female black bear weighs 175 pounds. The male black bear weighs 260 pounds. How much less
Compare does the female black bear weigh than the male black bear?

Math drawing:


Situation equation:
$175+d=260$ or
$d=260-175$
Solution equation:
$d=260-175$

Greater Unknown

Leading Language
At a zoo, the female black bear weighs 175 pounds. The male black bear weighs 85 pounds more than the female black bear. How much does the male black bear weigh?

## Misleading Language

At a zoo, the female black bear weighs 175 pounds. The female black bear weighs 85 pounds less than the male black bear. How much does the male black bear weigh?
Math drawing:


175

Situation and solution equation:
$175+85=m$

## Smaller Unknown

## Leading Language

At a zoo, the male black bear weighs 260 pounds. The female black bear weighs 85 pounds less than the male black bear. How much does the female black bear weigh?

## Misleading Language

At a zoo, the male black bear weighs 260 pounds. The male black bear weighs 85 pounds more than the female black bear. How much does the female black bear weigh?
Math drawing:


Situation equation
$f+85=260$ or
$f=260-85$
Solution equation:
$f=260-85$

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[^0]:    A comparison sentence can always be said in two ways. One way uses more, and the other uses fewer or less.
    Misleading language suggests the wrong operation. For example, it says the female black bear weighs
    85 pounds less than the male, but you have to add 85 pounds to the female's weight to get the male's weight.

