## Addition and Subtraction Problem Types (continued)

	Difference Unknown	Greater Unknown	Smaller Unknown
Compare	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 weighs 175 pounds. The male black bear weighs 260 pounds. How much less does the female black bear weigh than the male black bear? <i>Math drawing:</i> 260 175 <i>d</i> <i>Situation equation:</i> 175 + d = 260 or d = 260 - 175 <i>Solution equation:</i> d = 260 - 175	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: m 175 85 Situation and solution equation: 175 + 85 = m	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: 260 f 85 Situation equation f + 85 = 260 or f = 260 - 85 Solution equation: f = 260 - 85

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.