

Example C (Less Than Concept)

Solve the following problem.
Show your working clearly.

Alice buys 12 postcards.

Bella buys 4 fewer postcards than Alice.

How many postcards does Bella buy?

Solution

?	4
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12

$$12 - 4 = 8$$

Bella buys 8 postcards.

Fewer than / Less than is interpreted as 'taken away from'.

Draw a model showing a bar representing 4 being taken away from the bar representing 12.

The result is the unknown number.