

CATCHING CRABS

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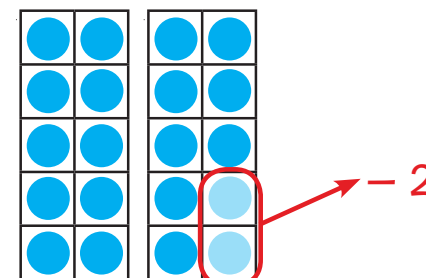
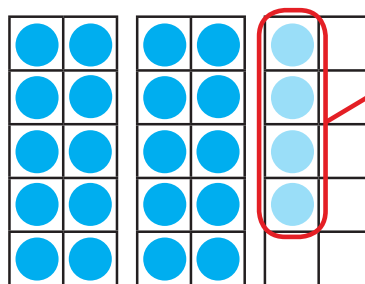
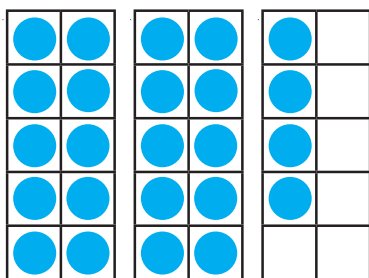
Max used materials and recorded his thinking in 2 different ways.

Fill in the gaps for Max.

His first way:



$$24 - 6 =$$



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$$24 - \underline{\quad} = 20$$

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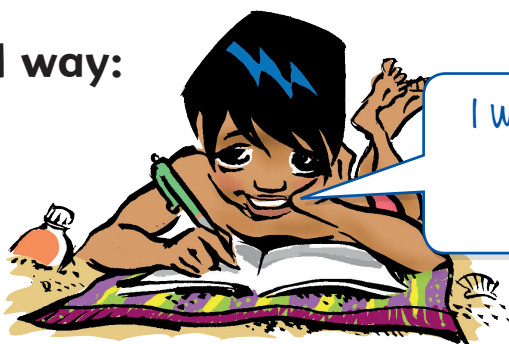
So $24 - 6 = 18$

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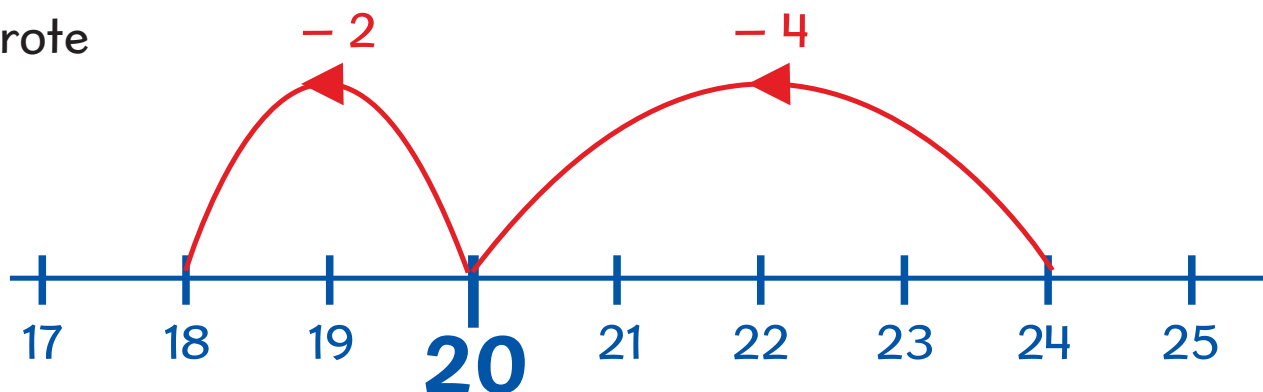
His second way:



I worked out that **6** can be split into **4** and **2**.
 $4 + 2 = 6$.

6	
2	4

He wrote



How might Max record this as an equation?