Activity: Subtraction Stories

Draw or show the story with counters. Write the numbers. Then solve.

The man had 5 balloons.
2 balloons blew away.
How many balloons were left?

5  balloons  2  blew away  3  balloons left

1. Del had 2 bags of popcorn.
He gave 1 bag to his friend.
How many bags were left?

  bags  given away  bag left

2. Kace had 4 carrots.
She ate 2 carrots.
How many carrots were left?

  carrots  eaten  carrots left

3. There were 3 eggs in the nest. 1 egg hatched.
How many eggs were left?

  eggs  hatched  eggs left