Write a Number Sentence

The trainer at the aquarium feeds 9 fish to the dolphins. Then he has 8 fish left. How many fish did he have to start? ______________

UNDERSTAND

What do I know?

What do I need to find out?

PLAN

I need to find how many in all.
I can add.

How can writing a number sentence help me?

SOLVE

How can I use my number sentence to find the answer?

LOOK BACK

How can I be sure that my answer is correct?