Problem Solving
Too Much Information

There are 13 dogs and cats in the store.
8 of the pets are dogs.
3 of the cats are white.

How many cats are there?

What do I need to find out? ______________

Do I need to know there are 13 dogs and cats? ______________

Do I need to know there are 8 dogs? ______________

Do I need to know that 3 cats are white? ______________

Subtract to compare. _______ − _______ = _______
There are _______ cats.

How did you decide what to do?
Draw or write to explain.