Problem Solving: Choose the Operation

Read It
Marta has 12 apples. Some of the apples are red. There are 8 green apples. How many apples are red?

Picture It

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Solve It  Look for clues.
1. I know that the whole is _____ apples.
2. I know that one part is _____ green apples.
3. I can’t add _____ and _____ because _____ is the whole.
4. I need to ___________ to find the missing part.
5. 12 – _____ = _____
6. Marta has _____ red apples.

Explain. If you know both parts, do you add or subtract to get your answer? Why?