Problem Solving: Choose the Operation

You can use addition or subtraction to solve a problem.

There are 6 guinea pigs in a cage.

Gail buys 2 of them.

How many guinea pigs are left?

What do I need to find out?
I need to find out how many guinea pigs are ______.

What do I know?
I know there are ____ guinea pigs and Gail buys ____ of them.

What operation do I use?
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What number sentence can I write to solve the problem?
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Is there another way I could solve the problem?