



## Assessment: Balance equations

Look at these open sentences.

Fill in the missing number (unknown value) to make the two sides balance.



$$73 + 56 = 71 + \triangle$$

$$59 - 19 = \triangle + 23$$

$$126 - 37 = \triangle - 40$$

$$263 + 24 = \triangle + 21$$

Explain what strategy you used to find the missing number to make the two sides balance.

Write your own open sentences and leave out a value as an unknown.

What clues would you give to someone to work out the unknown value?

$$\square + \square = \square + \square$$

$$\square - \square = \square - \square$$