Subtraction Word Problems

Fill in the circle next to the correct difference.

1. There are 147 people watching a movie in Theatre A. The theatre has a total of 280 seats. How many seats are empty?

   ○ a) 143   ○ b) 133   ○ c) 132   ○ d) 134

2. Theatre B has 422 seats, and there are 184 people watching the 2:00 p.m. showing there. How many seats are empty?

   ○ a) 236   ○ b) 248   ○ c) 242   ○ d) 238

3. Theatre C has only 213 seats, but 508 people want to see the 7:00 p.m. showing there. How many people cannot see that showing?

   ○ a) 295   ○ b) 296   ○ c) 285   ○ d) 286

4. The concession stand manager ordered 700 boxes of chocolate-covered raisins. A total of 263 boxes were sold in one day. How many are left?

   ○ a) 337   ○ b) 449   ○ c) 347   ○ d) 437

5. The manager also ordered 850 large popcorn bags. On Saturday, 419 bags were used. How many bags are left?

   ○ a) 331   ○ b) 441   ○ c) 341   ○ d) 431

6. On Sunday, the concession stand sold 923 colas and 484 fruit drinks. How many more colas than fruit drinks were sold?

   ○ a) 539   ○ b) 439   ○ c) 449   ○ d) 438

7. On average, 597 children and 914 adults visit the movie multiplex each Sunday. How many more adults visit than children?

   ○ a) 317   ○ b) 397   ○ c) 417   ○ d) 307