Division as Repeated Subtraction

You can think of division as repeated subtraction.

Emily has 20 raffle tickets. There are 5 tickets in each book. How many books of raffle tickets does Emily have?

Start with 20 tickets. Subtract 5.

Subtract 5 more tickets.

Subtract 5 more tickets.

Subtract 5 more tickets.

You have reached 0.

$$20 - 5 = 15$$

$$15 - 5 = 10$$

$$10 - 5 = 5$$

$$5 - 5 = 0$$

You have subtracted 5 four times.

So, $20 \div 5 = 4$.

Emily has 4 books of raffle tickets.

Use counters or draw a picture to solve.

- 1. 10 markers
 5 markers in each box
 How many boxes?
- **3.** 16 books 4 books on each shelf How many shelves?

- 2. 8 hamsters
 2 hamsters in each cage
 How many cages?
- **4.** 18 players 3 players on each team How many teams?
- **5.** Annie had 16 balloons. She shares them equally with Connie. How many balloons does each girl have now?
- **6. Communicate** Show how you can use repeated subtraction to find how many groups of 7 are in 28. Then write the division sentence for the problem.