

Jo and David picked 92 quarts of berries at King'a Orchard. If David picked 6 more quarts than Jo picked, how many quarts did Jo pick?

Solution.

x quarts of berries – Jo picked, y quarts of berries – David picked. Write the equation system with two variables according to the condition of the task:

$$\begin{cases} y + x = 92, \\ y - x = 6; \end{cases}$$

Solve the system of linear algebraic equations by the method of algebraic addition. Add term by term the equations of the system:

$$+ \begin{cases} y + x = 92, \\ y - x = 6; \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y + y + x - x &= 92 + 6, \\ 2y &= 98, \\ y &= 98 \div 2, \\ y &= 49. \end{aligned}$$

Insert the value $y = 49$ into the first equation of the system:

$$\begin{aligned} 49 + x &= 92, \\ x &= 92 - 49, \\ x &= 43. \end{aligned}$$

Answer: Jo picked 43 quarts of berries.