## Bar Models in Addition and Subtraction

Think of this bar model as a long board, cut into two pieces. It is 56 units long in total (you can think of inches, for example), and the two parts are 15 and $x$ units long.


From the bar model, we can write TWO addition and TWO subtraction sentences-a fact family.
The $x$ stands for a number, too. We just do not know what it is yet. It is an unknown.

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\begin{array}{l|l}
x+15=56 & 56-x=15 \\
15+x=56 & 56-15=x
\end{array}
$$

From this bar model, we can write a missing addend problem.
It means that a number to be added is "missing" or unknown.
We can solve it by subtracting the one part (769) from the total $(1,510)$.


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\begin{gathered}
769+x=1,510 \\
x=1,510-769=741
\end{gathered}
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1. Write a missing addend problem that matches the bar model. Then solve it by subtracting.

|  | b.$x=\square=\square$ |  |
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| c. A car costs $\$ 1,200$. Dad has $\$ 890$. How much more does he need to buy it? $x=\square=\square$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|} \rightleftarrows \\ \leftarrow \\ \hline \$ 890 & \mathrm{x} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| d. The school has 547 students, of which 265 are girls. How many are boys? $\qquad$ <br> $+$ $=$ $x=$ $=$ |  |  |

