## Check Your Understanding (p. 104):

- 9. Sample answer: Line up five positive counters. There are no negative counters to subtract, so form seven zero pairs. Now take away seven negative counters. The remaining counters show the difference: 12.
- **10.** Sample answer: They are equivalent.
- **11.** a. 1
- **b.** 5

## Lesson 8-3 Practice (p. 104):

**12.** 
$$-8 - (-4) = -4$$

**13.** 
$$3 - (-6) = 9$$

**26.** No; Answers may vary. 
$$5 - (-5) = 10$$
 while  $-5 - 5 = -10$ ; The differences are opposites.