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The image shows four horizontal number lines, each ranging from 0 to 20. Each number line has tick marks for every integer. Below each number line is a subtraction equation with the numbers in boxes. Red wavy lines represent hops on the number lines, starting from the minuend and ending at the difference. Illustrations of animals are placed near the starting points of the hops.

1. Number line 0 to 20. Equation: $20 - 9 = 11$. A blue dolphin is at 20. Red hops go from 20 to 11.

2. Number line 0 to 20. Equation: $15 - 3 = 12$. An eagle is at 15. Red hops go from 15 to 12.

3. Number line 0 to 20. Equation: $17 - 7 = 10$. A deer is at 17. Red hops go from 17 to 10.

4. Number line 0 to 20. Equation: $12 - 10 = 2$. A wolf is at 12. Red hops go from 12 to 2.

