



The diagram illustrates a sequence of numbers: 6, +, 2, +, 8, -, 1, +, 6, -, 2, =, 3, =, ?. Above the numbers are colored dots and lines representing a path or sequence. The dots are colored in a gradient from purple to yellow. The lines connect the dots in a sequence that follows the numbers: 6 to 2 to 8 to 1 to 6 to 2 to 3. The lines are colored in a gradient from purple to yellow, matching the dots. The numbers are in a large, bold, black font.

$$6 + 2 + 8 - 1 + 6 - 2 = 3 = ?$$