

Question:

Maria invited 4 of her friends over for a water balloon fight in the backyard. At the start of the game Maria gave each of her friends 2 water balloons. She had one water balloon for herself. Then her mom came out and gave each person 3 more balloons. How many total balloons did the girls have?

Reasoning + Answer:

<think> Maria had $0.5 * 8 = 4$ friends . They started with $2 * 8 = 16$ balloons from Maria .
Then they were given $3 * 8 = 24$ more balloons by Maria's mother . The girls now have $24 + 16 = 40$ balloons . </think><answer>40</answer>