

## Question:

Julia was preparing for a dinner party at her house where she intended to serve stew. She noticed that she was out of plastic spoons so she bought a new package of spoons. Later her husband also bought a package of 5 new spoons and gave them to Julia. While Julia was making the stew she used three of the spoons to sample her stew. Later when she went to set the table she had a total of 12 spoons. How many spoons were in the package that Julia bought?

## Reasoning + Answer:

`<think>` Julia had  $(12 - 3) = 9$  spoons before her husband gave her a package of 5 spoons. Thus, the package that Julia bought contained  $9 - 5 = 4$  spoons. `</think>` `<answer>`4`</answer>`