Adding natural numbers

$+$: addition symbol, a "plus"

First, you need to know what values you get when you add the numbers 0 to 9.

For example, $3 + 5 = 8$ because   3 people and 5 people together are 8 people.
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     "equals"

8 people in total.

Also, the order of addition doesn't matter:

$3 + 5 = 8$ and $5 + 3$ also equals 8.

$3 + 5 = 5 + 3 = 8$.

This is the commutative law of addition, which means:

The order of addition does not change the result.