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Solving Addition Word Problems

Learning Objective: Today, we will learn how to solve addition word problems with answers up to 20. We will use pictures and number sentences to find the total.

Let's Get Started!

This worksheet is here to help you become a word problem superstar! The example below shows how to solve a problem step-by-step. Use it as a guide to help you with the problems on the next pages.

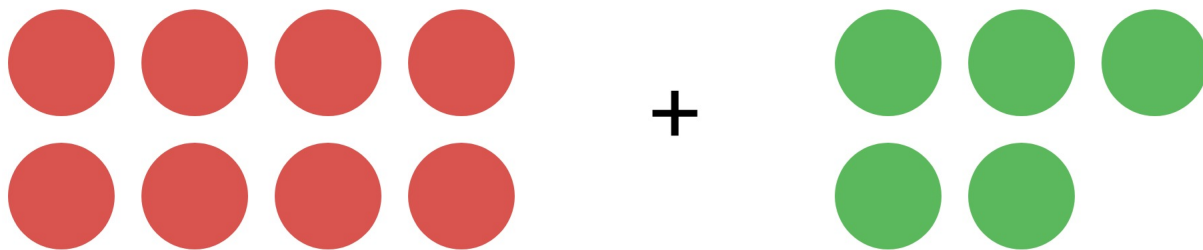


Use drawings or blocks to help you count!

Example: Let's Solve Together!

Problem: Maria has 8 red apples. Her friend gives her 5 green apples. How many apples does Maria have now?

1. Draw a Picture



2. Write a Number Sentence

$$8 + 5 = 13$$

3. Write the Answer

Answer: Maria has 13 apples in total.
We add the two groups of apples (8 and 5) to find the total amount.

Problem 1

Leo has 5 red apples. His mom gives him 4 more green apples. How many apples does Leo have in all?

Draw a Picture

Hint: Try drawing the red apples first, then draw the green apples. Count them all together!

Number Sentence:

$$\square + \square = \square$$

Problem 2

Maya finds 8 seashells on the beach. Then, she finds 6 more. How many seashells does Maya have now?

Draw a Picture

Hint: You can use your fingers or draw dots to help you count on from 8.

Number Sentence:

$$\square + \square = \square$$

Problem 3

There are 7 big dogs and 5 small dogs at the park. How many dogs are there altogether?

Draw a Picture

Hint: Think about the two groups of dogs (the parts). You are putting them together to find the total (the whole).

Number Sentence:

$$\square + \square = \square$$

More Word Problems

4. Leo sees 8 blue birds and 7 red birds in a tree. How many birds does he see in all?

Draw a picture

Number sentence & solution

5. Maya has 9 stickers in her book. Her friend gives her 9 more stickers. How many stickers does Maya have now?

Draw a picture

Number sentence & solution

6. There are 11 fish in a tank. The pet store owner adds 6 more fish. How many fish are in the tank altogether?

Draw a picture

Number sentence & solution

Check Your Thinking

Which problem was the most challenging for you? (Circle one)

Problem 4 ☐ Problem 5 ☐ Problem 6 ☐

Why was it challenging?