

Addition and Subtraction Word Problems: math practice, Grade 1 – download the PDF

21 problems graded by difficulty (★ easy, ★★ medium, ★★★ hard). Try first, without looking at the solutions!

1 Ducks on a pond

★ ★ ★

7 ducks are on a pond. 6 more ducks swim over. How many ducks are on the pond now? Write an equation.

2 Popped balloons

★ ★ ★

Maya has 15 balloons. 8 of them pop. How many balloons does she have left?

3 Red and blue marbles

★ ★ ★

A bag holds 9 red marbles and 4 blue marbles. How many marbles are in the bag?

4 Stickers on a page

★ ★ ★

Ben has 12 stickers. 5 are on a page and the rest are in a box. How many stickers are in the box?

5 True or false?



Say whether each sentence is true or false. If it is false, give the right answer.

a. $6 + 7 = 13$

b. $15 - 9 = 7$

6 Seashells



Mia found 11 seashells. Leo found 8 seashells. How many more seashells did Mia find?

7 Match the equation



There were 10 birds on a wire. 4 flew away. Which equation matches the story:

$10 + 4 = 14$ or $10 - 4 = 6$? How many birds are left?

8 Apples in a bowl



There are 6 apples in a bowl. Dad puts some more in. Now there are 14 apples. How many did Dad put in? Write an equation with ?.

9 Frogs on a log



Some frogs are on a log. 5 more frogs jump on. Now there are 12 frogs. How many frogs were on the log at first?

10 Cookies



Some cookies were on a plate. The children ate 6 cookies. Now 9 cookies are on the plate. How many cookies were there at first?

11 Boys and girls



17 children are in the park. 9 of them are girls. How many are boys?

12 Fewer stickers



Sam has 16 stickers. Ava has 7 fewer stickers than Sam. How many stickers does Ava have?

13 Crayon box

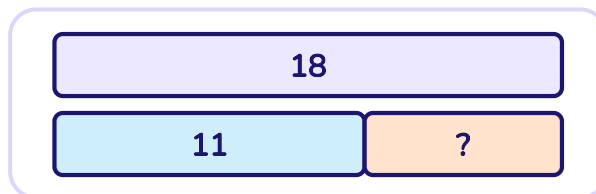


A box has 5 red crayons, 7 yellow crayons and 4 blue crayons. How many crayons are in the box? Add in any order you like.

14 Complete the bar model



Look at the model. The total is 18 and one part is 11.



Find the missing part and write two equations.

15 Add or subtract?



For each story, write the equation and solve it.

- 9 cats are in a yard. 8 more cats arrive.
- 18 fish are in a tank. 9 swim into a new tank.
- 7 boys and 11 girls join a club. How many children are in the club?

16 Find the missing number

Find the number that makes each sentence true.

- a. $13 = 5 + ?$
- b. $9 = ? - 8$
- c. $14 - ? = 6$
- d. $? + 4 = 11$

17 Pencils

Tom has 9 pencils. Tom has 4 more pencils than Nia. How many pencils does Nia have?

18 Make ten first

Add by making ten first.

- a. $8 + 2 + 6$
- b. $7 + 3 + 5$

19 Birds on a wire

9 birds sit on a wire. 5 more birds land. Then 7 birds fly away. How many birds are on the wire now? Solve it in two steps.

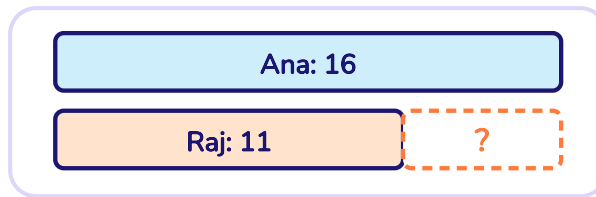
20 Find the mistake

There were 14 people on a bus. 6 people got off. Max wrote $14 + 6 = 20$. What mistake did Max make? Give the right answer.

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Compare with a model

Ana has 16 stickers and Raj has 11 stickers.



How many fewer stickers does Raj have than Ana? Then make up your own story for $8 + 7 = 15$.

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