MATHEMATICS · KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3

Reading simple tables

Difficulty level: Easy

Mathematics: Kindergarten to Grade 3

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Overview of the concept

This is how you find an exact value in a table, like checking a bus timetable for your stop or a price list for the size you need. A timetable has rows for routes and columns for times, and finding your bus means finding where your row and your column cross. A price list, a size chart, and a sports league table all work the same way. Reading a table is a fast way to find one exact number without reading everything around it.



Rule

To read a table, find the row for what you are looking for, then follow that row across to the column you need.

The number where the row and column meet is the answer.

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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q Read this table: Sam has 4 apples, Mia has 7 apples. How many does Mia have?

Name	Apples
Sam	4
Mia	7

SOLUTION

Table: Sam 4 apples, Mia 7 apples

Find the row for Mia.

Follow that row to the apples column.

The number there is 7, so Mia has 7 apples.

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EXAMPLE 2

Q Read this table: Monday 3 books, Tuesday 5 books. How many on Tuesday?

Day	Books
Monday	3
Tuesday	5

SOLUTION

Table: Monday 3 books, Tuesday 5 books

Find the row for Tuesday.

Follow that row to the books column.

The number there is 5, so Tuesday has 5 books.

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Practice questions

1 The table shows fruit. How many bananas are there?

Fruit	Number
Apples	5
Bananas	8
Oranges	6

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2 The table shows pets. How many pets are there in all?

Pet	Number
Dogs	5
Cats	4
Fish	4

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3 The table shows books read. How many more books were read in Week 2 than in Week 1?

Week	Books read
Week 1	9
Week 2	11

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4 The table shows marbles. Are the two rows equal? Answer yes or no.

Colour	Number
Red	6
Blue	6

A No

B Yes

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5 **The table shows lunch sales. Which item sold the fewest?**

Item	Sold
Sandwiches	12
Soup	7
Salad	5

A Salad

B Soup

C Sandwiches

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6 The table shows points scored. Which team scored more?

Team	Points
Team A	18
Team B	14

A Team A

B Team B

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7 The table shows goals scored. How many goals did Ben and Cleo score together?

Friend	Goals
Ana	5
Ben	3
Cleo	5

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The table shows crayons. Which colour has more crayons?

Colour	Number
Red	4
Green	9
Blue	6

A Red

B Green

C Blue

D Yellow

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9 The table shows stickers collected. Were more than 8 stickers collected on Monday? Answer yes or no.

Day	Stickers
Monday	10
Tuesday	7

A Yes

B No

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10 The table shows vehicles. How many different kinds of vehicles are shown?

Vehicle	Number
Cars	8
Vans	8

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ANSWER KEY

1. 8

2. 13

3. 2

4. Yes

5. Salad

6. Team A

7. 8

8. Green

9. Yes

10. 2

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