MATHEMATICS · KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3

Understanding addition

Difficulty level: Easy

Mathematics: Kindergarten to Grade 3

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Overview of the concept

This is how you put groups together to find a total, like adding the players on two teams or the coins in two pockets, whenever you combine amounts. Addition is the idea of joining groups, and the total is what you get when they are together. It sounds simple, but it is the idea behind every bigger sum, from a shopping total to a score. Whenever two amounts come together, addition is how you find out what you have altogether.

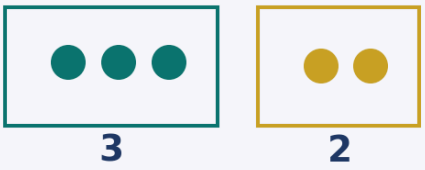


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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q You have 3 apples and add 2 more apples. How many apples do you have now?



SOLUTION

Start with a group of 3 apples.

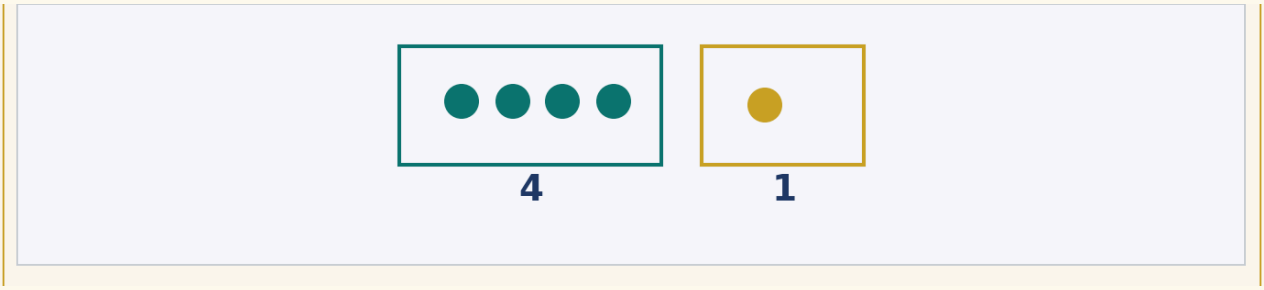
Add a group of 2 apples to it.

Now there are 5 apples in total, so 3 + 2 = 5.

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EXAMPLE 2

Q You have 4 dots and add 1 more dot. How many dots do you have now?



SOLUTION

Start with a group of 4 dots.

Add 1 dot to it.

Now there are 5 dots in total, so 4 + 1 = 5.

Practice questions

1. You have 2 marbles. You get 3 more marbles. How many marbles do you have now?

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2 Start with 1 apple. You add some more apples. Now there are 5 apples. How many apples did you add?

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3 A box has 6 pencils. You add 1 pencil. How many pencils are in the box now?

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4 You have 3 stickers and your friend gives you 3 more. How many stickers do you have now?

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5 Start with no apples. Add 6 apples. How many apples are there now?

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6 Start with 2 dots. Add 3 dots, then add 1 more dot. How many dots are there now?

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7 You have 4 balloons. You get 0 more balloons. How many balloons do you have now?

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8 There are 7 red dots and 2 blue dots. How many dots are there altogether?

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9 Start at 8. Count on 2 more. What number do you land on?

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10 A pair of shoes has 2 shoes. How many shoes are in 2 pairs of shoes?

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ANSWER KEY

1. 5

2. 4

3. 7

4. 6

5. 6

6. 6

7. 4

8. 9

9. 10

10. 4

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