

# Addition Word Problems

1. After digging in his backyard, John found seven coins for his collection. If he already had nine coins, how many coins did John have after the new ones?
2. Mary and Lucy are planning on joining forces to have the most amazing doll house on the block. If Mary has six dolls, and Lucy has five, will they be able to beat Stephanie's eight-doll house?
3. Joshua told his friend that his sister is nine years older than himself. If Joshua is nine at the moment, how old is his sister?
4. Mickey is a little behind in his work. He has four math questions to answer plus nine questions for geography. How many questions does he have to answer?
5. There are five blocks from Eric's house to Andy's house, and another five from Andy's house to the school. How many blocks does Eric walk each morning, if he always picks up Andy on his way to school?
6. Susan's grandpa told her in one of his stories, "There we were, all six brothers and seven sisters running away from a 'gator". Susan couldn't believe her ears. How many siblings were escaping from the alligator, according to her grandfather?
7. Dylan grew three inches taller last year, and five inches taller this year. How many inches taller did Dylan grow in the last two years?
8. During arts and crafts, Noah thought he could make a twelve-wheeled toy car. He took a regular toy car, and glued seven wheels to it. Did he make a twelve-wheeled car?

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9. For her birthday, Donna really wanted some binoculars, but her dad bought her five pairs of socks instead. She already had eight pairs of socks. She didn't even wear socks, so she gave all of them to the thrift shop. How many pairs of socks did she give away?
10. Mark really likes cold drinks, so when he saw that his mother had put only four ice cubes in his juice, he had to put in six more. In the end, the juice was not only cold, but watery. How many ice cubes did Mark put in his juice altogether?
11. Quinn is not a slow runner, but she likes to take her time and look at the scenery. During a long race, she ran three minutes slower than everyone else. If the next-to-last time was six minutes, how much time did Quinn take to finish the race?
12. Someone has been leaving flowers in front of Leonard's door! There were seven roses yesterday, and eight daffodils today. What are his friends going to say, and how many flowers are there anyway?

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## Answers

1. After digging in his backyard, John found seven coins for his collection. If he already had nine coins, how many coins did John have after the new ones?  
*9 coins + 7 coins = 16 coins. John's collection now has sixteen coins. Now what were those coins doing buried in the back yard?*
2. Mary and Lucy are planning on joining forces to have the most amazing doll house on the block. If Mary has six dolls, and Lucy has five, will they be able to beat Stephanie's eight-doll house?  
*6 dolls + 5 dolls = 11 dolls. They had eleven dolls together, which is greater than Stephanie's eight. They had the best doll house in the block by far!*
3. Joshua told his friend that his sister is nine years older than himself. If Joshua is nine at the moment, how old is his sister?  
*9 years + 9 years = 18 years. Joshua's sister is eighteen years old.*
4. Mickey is a little behind in his work. He has four math questions to answer plus nine questions for geography. How many questions does he have to answer?  
*4 questions + 9 questions = 13 questions. He has thirteen questions to answer.*
5. There are five blocks from Eric's house to Andy's house, and another five from Andy's house to the school. How many blocks does Eric walk each morning, if he always picks up Andy on his way to school?  
*5 blocks + 5 blocks = 10 blocks. Eric walks ten blocks each morning. Now imagine if Andy had to pick up Eric every morning!*

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6. Susan's grandpa told her in one of his stories, "There we were, all six brothers and seven sisters running away from a 'gator". Susan couldn't believe her ears. How many siblings were escaping from the alligator, according to her grandfather?

6 brothers + 7 sisters = 13 siblings. Thirteen siblings were escaping from the alligator. Of course Susan's grandpa told a lot of exaggerated stories!

7. Dylan grew three inches taller last year, and five inches taller this year. How many inches taller did Dylan grow in the last two years?

3 inches + 5 inches = 8 inches. Dylan grew eight inches taller in the last two years.

8. During arts and crafts, Noah thought he could make a twelve-wheeled toy car. He took a regular toy car, and glued seven wheels to it. Did he make a twelve-wheeled car?

4 wheels on a regular toy car + 7 additional wheels = 11 wheels. There were only eleven wheels, so he didn't make a twelve-wheeled toy car. The new wheels didn't move, since they were glued, so really there wasn't much point.

9. For her birthday, Donna really wanted some binoculars, but her dad bought her five pairs of socks instead. She already had eight pairs of socks. She didn't even wear socks, so she gave all of them to the thrift shop. How many pairs of socks did she give away?

5 pairs of socks + 8 pairs of socks = 13 pairs of socks. Donna gave away thirteen pairs of socks. The thrift store owner was so grateful, she gave Donna a pair of old binoculars for free.

10. Mark really likes cold drinks, so when he saw that his mother had put only four ice cubes in his juice, he had to put in six more. In the end, the juice was not only cold, but watery. How many ice cubes did Mark put in his juice altogether?

4 ice cubes + 6 ice cubes = 10 ice cubes. The question, however, asked how many ice cubes Mark put in, so the correct answer is "Mark put 6 ice cubes in his juice," since his mother put in the first four.

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11. Quinn is not a slow runner, but she likes to take her time and look at the scenery. During a long race, she ran three minutes slower than everyone else. If the next-to-last time was six minutes, how much time did Quinn take to finish the race?

3 minutes + 6 minutes = 9 minutes. Quinn finished the race in 9 minutes.

12. Someone has been leaving flowers in front of Leonard's door! There were seven roses yesterday, and eight daffodils today. What are his friends going to say, and how many flowers are there anyway?

7 roses + 8 daffodils = 15 flowers. Fifteen flowers were left on Leonard's door step. The flowers were actually for Leonard's big sister.