

10 Picture Stories for Kindergarten Addition

Print single-sided, then cut along the dotted lines to make 10 story cards.

How to use each card (same order every time):

1. Read the story slowly, pointing at the picture.
2. Ask: "What were the two numbers hiding in that story?"
3. Your child builds both groups with counters, touching each one.
4. Push the groups together and count everything to find the answer.
5. Your child draws the story, then says the full addition sentence aloud.

Two or three stories per sitting, 15–20 minutes. Stop while it is still fun.

Story 1

Three ducks are swimming in the pond. Two more ducks swim over to join them. How many ducks are swimming now?

Answer: $3 + 2 = 5$

Story 2

Sam picked four red apples. Then he picked five green apples. How many apples did Sam pick?

Answer: $4 + 5 = 9$

Story 3

Two blue birds are sitting on the fence. Three red birds fly down to sit with them. How many birds are on the fence?

Answer: $2 + 3 = 5$

Story 4

Lily has six crayons in her box. Her brother gives her four more. How many crayons does Lily have now?

Answer: $6 + 4 = 10$

Story 5

One cat is sleeping on the rug. Four more cats come in to nap. How many cats are napping?

Answer: $1 + 4 = 5$

Story 6

Seven fish are swimming in the fishbowl. Three more fish join them. How many fish are in the bowl?

Answer: $7 + 3 = 10$

Story 7

Tom baked five cookies. Grandma gave him two more. How many cookies does Tom have?

Answer: $5 + 2 = 7$

Story 8

Three butterflies are sitting on a flower. Six more butterflies land beside them. How many butterflies are on the flower?

Answer: $3 + 6 = 9$

Story 9

Mia found two shells at the beach. Then she found two more. How many shells does Mia have?

Answer: $2 + 2 = 4$

Story 10

Eight cars are parked in the driveway. Two more cars park beside them. How many cars are in the driveway?

Answer: $8 + 2 = 10$