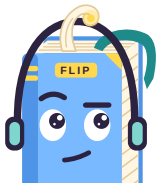
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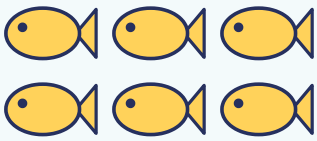
Story sums

Act out or draw a story, then add or take away.

1 Learn



In a story, ask: are things **joining** (add) or **going away** (take away)?



6 fish in the pond

+



3 more swim in

= 9



2 hop off

5 frogs sit on a log. **2** hop off. How many are left?

1. Draw 5 frogs. Cross out the 2 that hop off.
2. They are going away, so **take away**.
3. 5 − 2 = **3** frogs are left.

Flip's tip: always picture the story. Are there **more** at the end, or **fewer**? More means add. Fewer means take away.

Warm up: ring **+** or **−** for each one.

3 more come	2 fly away	Sam eats 4	1 more joins
+ −	+ −	+ −	+ −

Grown-ups: read the stories aloud. Let your child act them out with toys before writing anything.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Story time

You need: some toys, bath toys or snacks, a pencil.

1. Grown-up tells a little story: "You have **6** ducks. **3** more float in. How many now?"
2. Act it out with the toys.
3. Is it add or take away? Say the number sentence.
4. Swap! Your child tells a story for you to act out.

Our story	+ or −	Number sentence
6 ducks, 3 more		

Grown-ups: snack time and bath time are great for this. Keep the numbers to 20.

3 Practise

A. Ring **+** or **−**. Write the number sentence.

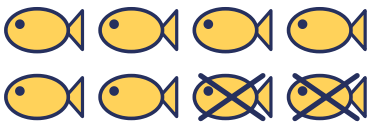
Ava has 4 apples. She picks 3 more.



+ **−**

□ □ □ = □

There are 8 fish. 2 swim away.



+ **−**

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B. Draw each story. Then write the number sentence.

1. Mia has **7** stickers. She gets **5** more.

□ □ □ = □

2. There are **15** biscuits. Leo eats **4**.

□ □ □ = □

3. 11 birds sit on a fence. **0** fly away.

□ □ □ = □

C. Draw a line from each story to its number sentence.

10 cars are parked. 2 more park.	**10 – 2 = 8**
There are 12 balloons. 10 pop.	**10 + 2 = 12**
There are 10 cakes. 2 are eaten.	**12 – 10 = 2**

Challenge

14 children are in the pool. **3** get out. Mia says, "14 + 3 = 17." Is she right? Act it out to check.

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I can… Tick when you can.

☐ act out or draw a story ☐ choose + or – ☐ write the number sentence