

Word Problems

Solve the word problems below using either addition or subtraction.

1. The princess was sitting by a lake. She looked in and saw 16 tadpoles swimming around. She looked up when she heard a bird singing and when she looked back down, she saw only 8 tadpoles. How many tadpoles swam away?

2. One frog laid 12 eggs under a lily pad with a yellow flower. She then swam over to a lily pad with a white flower and laid 13 more eggs. How many eggs did the frog lay all together?

3. Fifteen butterflies were flying south and landed on a butterfly bush. Six of the butterflies decided that they really liked the flowers on the butterfly bush and wanted to stay longer. The rest of the butterflies flew away. How many butterflies flew away?

4. There were five frogs swimming around in a pond. Two more jumped out of the weeds and jumped into the pond. A few minutes later, three more frogs jumped off of a rock and swam around. How many frogs, total, were swimming in the pond?

5. The princess was walking through the woods when she saw a bluebird sitting on a nest. She looked in and saw four eggs. She kept walking and saw a nest with six eggs in it. As she was walking out of the woods, she saw one more nest with six eggs in it. How many eggs did the princess see while she was walking through the woods?

6. The princess has two cats. Both of the cats had kittens. One cat had seven kittens and one had three kittens. The princess gave two kittens to her friends. How many kittens does the princess have left?
