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Maths Challenge Cards

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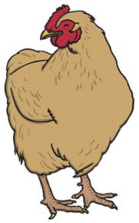
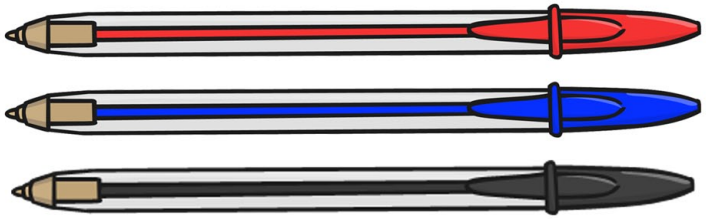
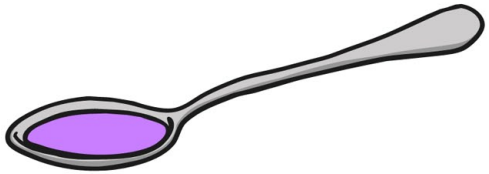


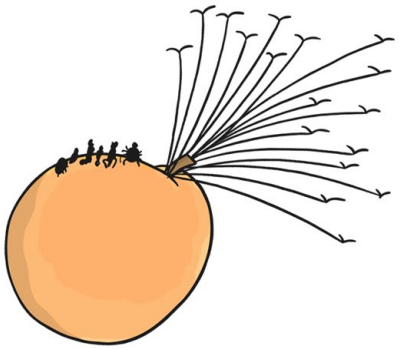
2. Matilda decided to teach Mrs Trunchbull a lesson. Mrs Trunchbull started with 12 pens but could only find 4 when she sat down. How many did Matilda hide?



3. George poured out his grandma's medicine. There was 8 spoonfuls in the jar to begin with and he poured out 3 spoons. How many spoonfuls were left in the jar?



4. James wanted to visit lots of countries in the giant peach. There were 13 he wanted to visit. They went to 8 of them. How many were left to visit?



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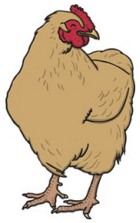
5. Mr Fox steals five chickens on Monday, three chickens on Tuesday and four on Wednesday. How many chickens did he steal altogether?



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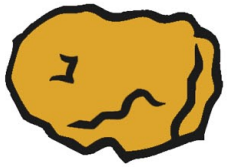
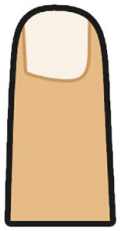
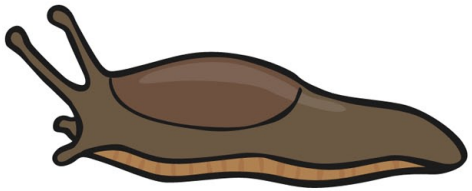
6. Mrs Twit is combing Mr Twit's beard. She finds two fingernails, five cornflakes and three slugs. How many things did she find altogether?







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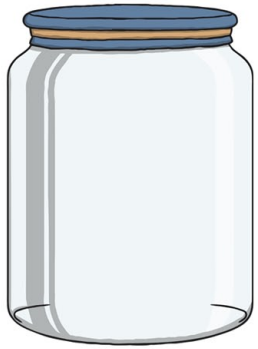
7. The BFG is filling up his case with dream jars. His case holds 12 jars. He has 5 jars so far. How many more does he need to put in to fill it?



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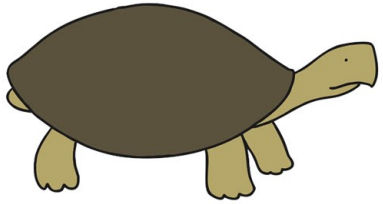
8. The Oompa-Loompas are picking up gobstoppers from the floor of the factory. They find four strawberry ones, nine lemon ones and six chocolate ones. How many did they find?

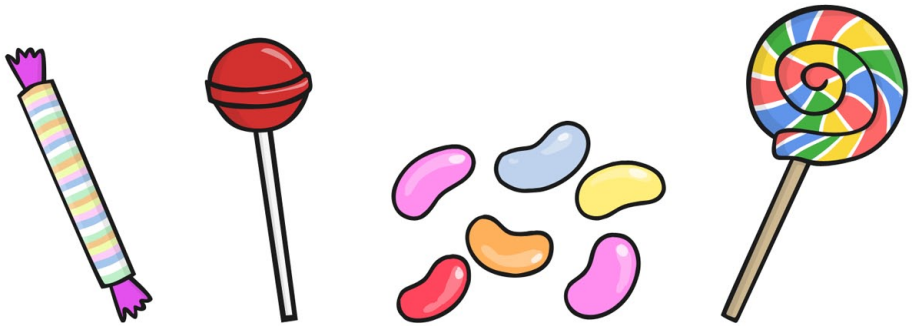
9. Esio Trot eats some lettuce. They come in boxes of 3. How many lettuces did he eat if he ate 5 boxes?



10. The witches sat at tables of 5 to listen to the grand high witch. How many witches were there if there were 7 tables?

11. George needed 12 pills to make his marvellous medicine. If they came in packets of 2, how many packets would he need?

12. Willy Wonka's newest invention makes 10 new sweets every hour. How many would it make in 7 hours?



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13. Matilda had 10 books to take back to the library. She could only carry two a day. How many days would it take to carry them all back?

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14. Augustus Gloop is trying to find the golden tickets. He buys a box of 40 chocolate bars. If he eats 5 bars a day, how many days would it take him to eat the whole box?

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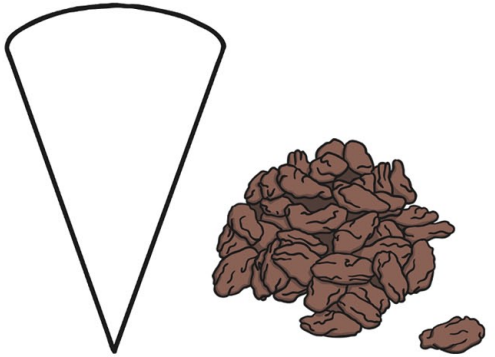
15. Danny needs to get the raisins ready for the pheasants. He puts two in each cone. How many cones can he fill with 24 raisins?



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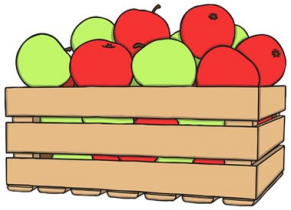
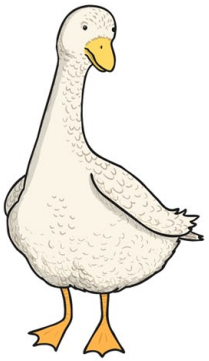
16. Mr Fox has ten friends coming for a feast. He steals 50 apples and 20 geese. How many apples and geese do they each get?





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Answers

Green Cards

1. 7 chickens
2. 8 pens
3. 5 spoonfuls
4. 5 countries

Blue Cards

5. 12 chickens
6. 10 things
7. 7 jars
8. 19 gobstoppers

Orange Cards

9. 15 lettuces
10. 35 witches
11. 6 packets
12. 70 sweets

Purple Cards

13. 5 days
14. 8 days
15. 12 cones
16. 5 apples and 2 geese

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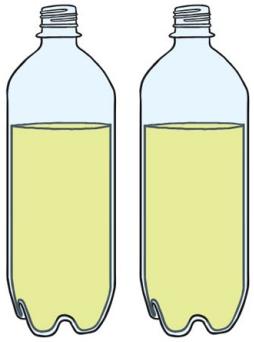
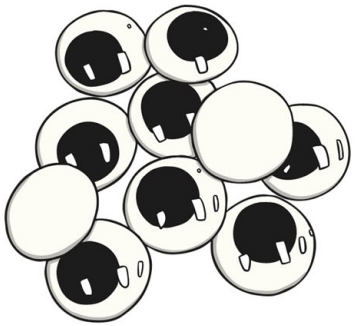
1. Bean was checking the bottles of cider in his cellar. Last night, he had 30 bottles.. This morning, he has 17 less. How many bottles does he have left?



2. Sophie was sleeping in the dormitory. 26 girls had been there in January. By February, 14 had left to find new families. How many girls were left?

3. 55 witches attended the meeting held by the Grand High Witch. At the end, 24 returned home. The rest stayed at the hotel. How many stayed?

4. Mrs Twit kept losing her glass eyes, so she bought a box of 35. She quickly lost 18 of them. How many did she have left?



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5. George used 11 different kinds of pill and 13 different kinds of liquid. How many different things go into the medicine?

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6. The BFG had a busy night. He trapped 34 good dreams and 18 nightmares. How many dreams did he manage to trap altogether?

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7. The children ate lots of sweets in the Tasting Room. Between them, they ate 20 gobstoppers, 42 whizz ticklers and 13 fizz poppers. How many sweets did they eat altogether?

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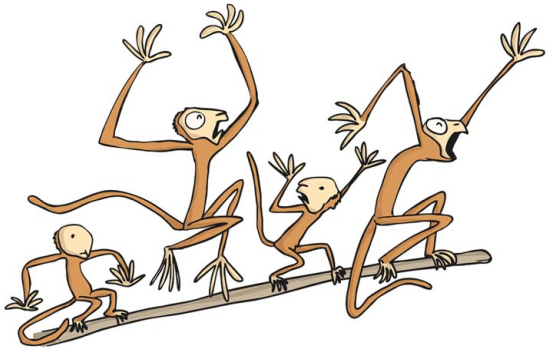
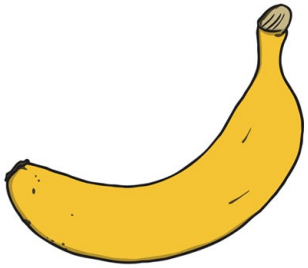
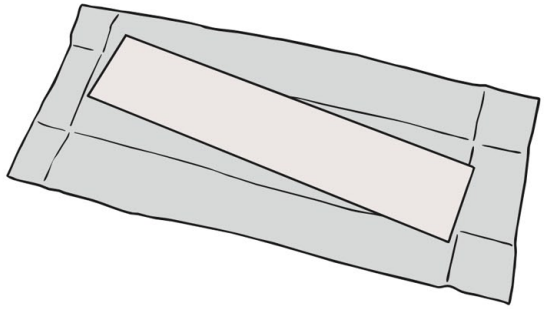
8. Muggle-Wump finds 23 bananas on one tree and 19 on another. He wants 50 bananas. How many more would he need to find?





9. Violent Beauregard chews through lots of gum. If she chews 2 pieces an hour, how many pieces will she chew in 9 hours?



10. Matilda loves to read. She reads 5 books a week. How many books does she read in 11 weeks?

11. Roald Dahl wrote for 5 hours a day. How many hours did he write for each week?

12. The Roly-Poly Bird has 10 feathers in each row. How many feathers does he have in 8 rows?

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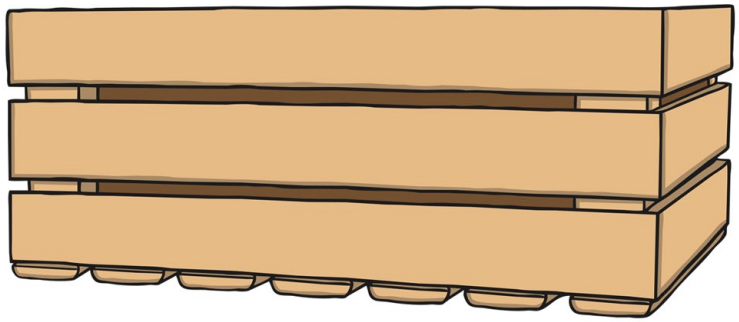
13. The Grubber has a new delivery of sweets. 60 boxes are shared over 5 floors. How many boxes are sent to each floor?



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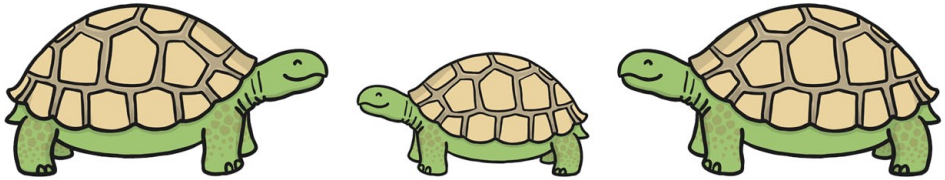
14. Mr Hoppy has 55 tortoises in his flat. He puts 11 in each room. How many rooms have tortoises in them?



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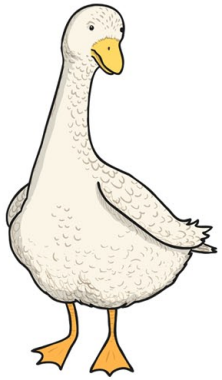
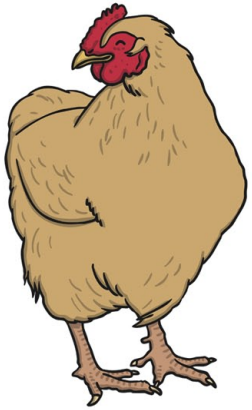
15. Mr Fox, Mrs Fox and the three baby foxes share a meal of 15 geese and 25 chickens. How much do they each eat?





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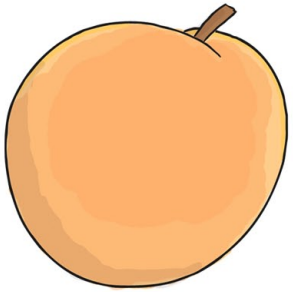
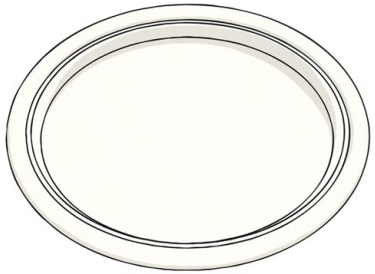
16. There are 21 seeds inside the giant peach. If they put four on each plate, how many seeds would be left over?





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1. 13 bottles
2. 12 girls
3. 31 witches
4. 17 eyes

Blue Cards

5. 24 things
6. 52 dreams
7. 75 sweets
8. 8 bananas

Orange Cards

9. 18 pieces
10. 55 books
11. 35 hours
12. feathers

Purple Cards

13. 12 boxes
14. 5 rooms
15. 3 geese and 5 chickens
16. 1 seed