

In this sub-unit . . .

- We noticed that some story problems describe an amount that changes. Sometimes, the amount gets larger and sometimes the amount gets smaller.

Kainoa had 5 guavas.
Mili gives him 2 more guavas.
How many guavas does
Kainoa have now?

Kainoa had 5 guavas.
He gave 2 guavas to Mili.
How many guavas does
Kainoa have now?

- We noticed that sometimes the unknown amount in a story problem is how much an amount changes.

starting
amount is
known

There were 5 huli in a row
Then Kainoa planted some more.
Now there are 8 huli in the row.

ending amount
is known

how much the
amount changes
is *unknown*

- We wrote equations to represent story problems.

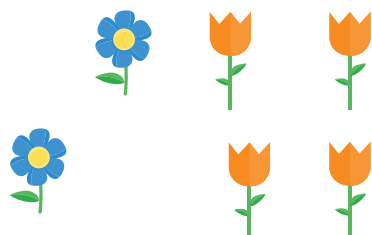
Kainoa wants to grow bluebonnets because he loves the state flower of Texas. He planted 3 bluebonnet seeds on Monday. Then he planted some more seeds on Tuesday. Now there are 7 bluebonnet seeds in the garden. How many seeds did he plant on Tuesday?

$$3 + \underline{\quad} = 7$$
$$3 + \underline{4} = 7$$

🔥 **Math tip:** It can be helpful to represent a story problem with an equation even if you do not know all of the amounts.

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- We noticed that in some story problems, there are 2 parts that make a total amount.



$$2 + 4 = \underline{6}$$

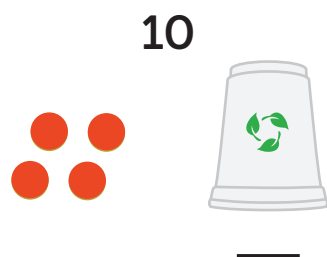
There are 2 blue flowers and 4 red flowers.

$$4 + 2 = \underline{6}$$

How many flowers are there?

Math tip: The total amount is the same no matter which order you add the parts.

- We noticed that addition or subtraction can be used to find an unknown part.



$$4 + \underline{\quad} = 10$$

$$10 - 4 = \underline{\quad}$$

- We used patterns to find equations that represent the 2 unknown parts of a total amount.



$$0 + 5 = 5$$

$$1 + 4 = 5$$

$$2 + 3 = 5$$

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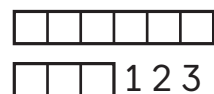
- We solved story problems by answering questions about *how many more* and *how many fewer*.

There are 6 rakes.

There are 3 students.

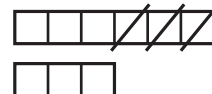
How many *more* rakes are there than students?

- We noticed that we can add or subtract to find how many more and how many fewer.



$$3 + 3 = 6$$

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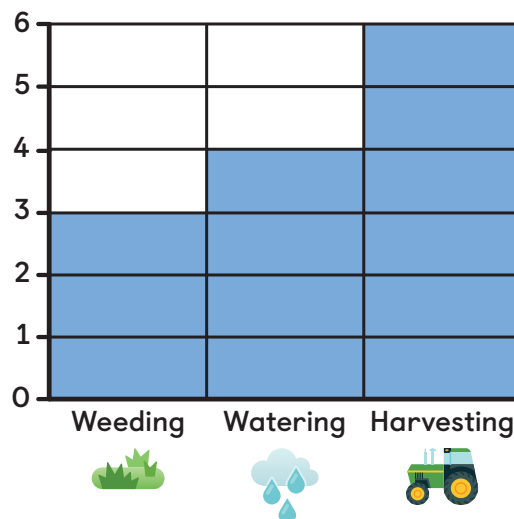


$$6 - 3 = 3$$

Math tip: To compare amounts, find how many you can add or subtract to make the amounts equal.

- We looked at data representations and compared amounts.

Votes for Favorite Gardening Jobs



How many fewer votes did watering get than harvesting?

In this sub-unit . . .

- We asked ourselves questions to make sense of the relationship between the amounts in story problems.

- Does an amount change?
- Are 2 amounts being compared?
- Are there parts that make a total amount?

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- We noticed story problems can be alike but ask different questions.

Diego was bird watching and saw 4 Bald Eagles and 3 Northern Mockingbirds. How many fewer Bald Eagles did Diego see than Northern Mockingbirds?


Diego was bird watching and saw 4 Bald Eagles and 3 Northern Mockingbirds. How many birds did Diego see?

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- We thought about if we wanted to use addition or subtraction to find unknown amounts.

subtraction equation or addition equation

$$5 - 4 = \underline{\quad}$$

$$4 + \underline{\quad} = 5$$

 **Math tip:** The difference between 2 amounts can be represented as an unknown addend.