Year 1 Maths: The Equals Sign and Missing Numbers

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Have a go first, then check the answers with a grown-up.

Practice

1. 2 + 5 = 3 + __

2. 6 + __ = 9

3. True or false: 7 – 5 = 6 – 4

4. True or false: 4 + 3 = 8

5. 8 – 2 = 4 + __

Spot the mistake

6. What is wrong? "2 + 5 = 3 + __, so the missing number is 7."

7. What is wrong? "= means 'the answer comes next'."

8. What is wrong? "5 = 2 + 3 is wrong, because the answer comes first."

9. What is wrong? "3 + 4 = 4 + 3 is false, because the numbers moved."

Answer key (for parents and tutors)

1. 2 + 5 = 3 + __
   4
2. 6 + __ = 9
   3
3. True or false: 7 – 5 = 6 – 4
   True, both sides are 2
4. True or false: 4 + 3 = 8
   False, 4 + 3 = 7
5. 8 – 2 = 4 + __
   2
6. What is wrong? "2 + 5 = 3 + __, so the missing number is 7."
   Both sides must be 7. 3 + 4 = 7, so the missing number is 4.
7. What is wrong? "= means 'the answer comes next'."
   = means both sides are the same amount.
8. What is wrong? "5 = 2 + 3 is wrong, because the answer comes first."
   It is true. Both sides are 5.
9. What is wrong? "3 + 4 = 4 + 3 is false, because the numbers moved."
   It is true. Both sides are 7.