Number Story Examples

*** TIP: Always have students put a label (or unit) that the problem is measured in.

1. Sam and Greg were walking through the park collecting stones. Sam found 17 stones while they were walking. In all, they collected 42 stones. How many did Greg collect on their walk?

Answer = 25 stones

2. One day, Katie decided to bake cookies for her friends. She made 3 dozen cookies in all. Before she delivered them, however, she got a little hungry, and decided to eat 7 of them. How many cookies does Katie have left now?

Answer = 29 cookies

3. Alyssa went fishing with her brother Adam on the lake. Alyssa caught 14 fish and Adam caught 19 fish. How many did they catch all together on their day of fishing.

Answer = 33 fish

4. A family of 7 went apple picking one day at an orchard. They picked 49 apples all together. If they wanted to split the apples evenly between each family member, how many would they each get?

Answer = 7 apples

5. Sean scored four 3-pointers at his basketball game yesterday. He also scored 2 free throws and a lay-up. How many points did Sean score in total?

Answer = 16 points