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$$\begin{array}{c}
 9 + \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \quad \boxed{12} \\
 \text{K} \quad \text{more} \quad \text{now}
 \end{array}$$

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**Change plus**

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**Add. Nela needs to find how many in all.**

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**No. The question just asks for the total number of kittens.**

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