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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.
