

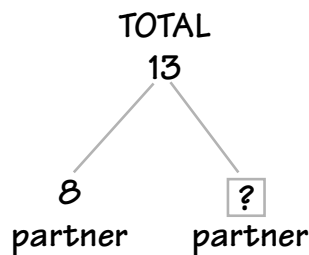


Dear Family,

In this unit, your child will solve addition and subtraction word problems involving a total and two partners.

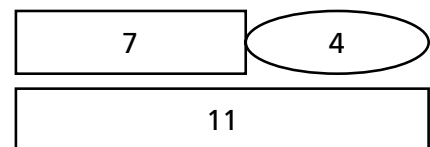
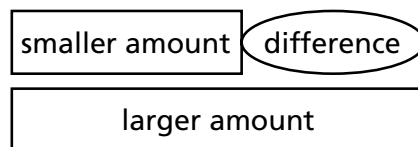
- If one of the partners is unknown, it can be found by subtracting the known partner from the total or by counting on from the known partner to the total.
- If the total is unknown, it can be found by adding the partners.

Math Mountains are used to show a total and two partners. Students can use the Math Mountain to write an equation and then solve the equation to find the unknown.



$$\begin{array}{r} 8 + \boxed{?} = 13 \\ \text{partner partner total} \\ 5 + 8 = 13 \\ 13 - 5 = 8 \\ 13 - \boxed{?} = 5 \end{array}$$

Comparison Bars are used to solve problems that involve one amount that is more than or less than another amount. Making Comparison Bars can help a student organize the information in the problem in order to find the unknown smaller amount, larger amount, or the difference.



Please call or write if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
Your child's teacher