

Math Stories Samples

These sample math stories correspond to the sample graph provided in the samples attachment to this lesson plan. Remember that the students should act out the math stories using objects. They need not tell the operation as long as they can act it out.

1. This morning Leah walked to school with her friends from our class. How many people from our class walked all together? ($3 + Leah = 4$)
2. Some of the kids in our class ride a bus to school. How many ride a bus? (7)
3. Today Shelby rode to school in her mom's car, but yesterday she rode the bus. Carson always comes to school in a car. How many kids came to school in a car yesterday? ($2 - 1 = 1$)
4. Lots of the kids in our class come to school on wheels. How many kids use four wheels to get to school? ($7 + 2 = 9$)
5. Jason usually rides his bike to school, but it has a flat tire today. If he had ridden his bike, how many kids would have come to school on their bikes today? ($5 + 1 = 6$)
6. Sandi put her name in the line called "other" because she rides to school in her mom's van. If we said a van is a kind of car and Sandi moved her name to the car line, how many people would have come to school in a car? ($2 + 1 = 3$)
7. If it had rained this morning, how many kids in our class would have gotten wet? ($4/\text{walk} + 5/\text{bike} = 9$)
8. Look at all the kids that ride the bus to school. If Bill had missed the bus, how many would have been on the bus? ($7 - 1 = 6$)

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I have 5 cars.

2 go away.

Look at my cars.

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Look.
How many cars?

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Look at my cars.

Here are 3 more.

How many cars?