Addition and Subtraction Situations with Unknowns

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These activities extend the puzzles and the concepts learned in the puzzles throughout the week. The activities might be tasks, word problems, journal writing activities, or hands-on activities designed to deepen student understanding and help students make connections.

Some of the activities listed below work well in a remote environment and can be easily added to your virtual classroom. The activities that can be used remotely are designated as such.



- Display a puzzle from Level 3.
- Ask students, "What type of equation is this? What does the plus sign tell us is happening in the problem?"
- Then ask students, "How could we use subtraction to help us to solve this problem?"
- Have students Think, Pair, Share their thinking.
- Display the problem shown by the puzzle as an equation with an unknown (e.g., ? + 3 = 9). Say, "We can read this problem as something plus 3 is equal to 9. We know what the three numbers in this problem are bonded together (belong to a fact family). We can use that understanding to help us to solve this problem."
- Display the 4 equations in the fact family from the puzzle, representing the unknown with a "?" (e.g., ? + 3 = 9, 3 + ? = 9, 9 ? = 3, 9 3 = 6).
- Have students turn and talk to a neighbor about what number represents the unknown and how they know. Solve the puzzle.
- Repeat with other puzzles in Levels 3 and 4.



- Display a puzzle from Level 4.
- Ask students to work with a partner to write a story problem that represents the puzzle.
- Share a few as a whole class and use the puzzle to prove the story problem represents what they see in the puzzle.
- Display another puzzle from Level 4 with the unknown in a different position. Ask students to write a story problem to represent the puzzle.
- Discuss how the story problem changes as the position of the unknown changes. Repeat with other puzzles in Level 4.



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- Pose story problems and ask students to solve them. For example:
  - Brenda gave Kyle 6 of her 15 toy cars. Kyle already had 11 toy cars. How many toy cars do Brenda and Kyle have now? Explain.
- Ask students to write an equation to represent the problem using a letter or symbol for the unknown

## (Can be done remotely)

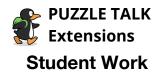


- Focus on ways to make 10. Pose the following problem to students:
  - o Yanna has 10 two color counters (red on one side and yellow on the other side). He put them in a cup and spilled them out. What are all the possible combinations of red and yellow Yanna could see?
- Ask students to record all of the possible solutions. Share them as a whole class. Ask students, "How do we know we've found all of the ways to make 10?"

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• If you are using Puzzle Talks as part of your remote learning plan, it is important to think about how to maximize the learning in the virtual environment. One strategy might be to do Pre-Work. Pre-Work encourages students to think about the concept prior to the Puzzle Talk.



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toy cars do Brenda and Kyle have now	? Explain.	



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- What are all the possible combinations of red and yellow Yanna could see?
- Record all of the possible solutions.



Name:	Date:
Using addition and subtraction, what are all of the value?	ways you can find to make
Can you use subtraction to solve an addition proble	em? Explain.
Example Problem: Jackson has 4 fewer blocks that blocks. How many blocks does Jackson have? Exp	