

Parent Guide to the

Addition of Three Whole Numbers

Today's Standard

1.OA.A2 - Solve word problems that call for addition of three whole numbers whose sum is less than or equal to 20, e.g., by using objects, drawings, and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Adding apples, oranges, and bananas to find the total number of fruits.; Combining the number of red, blue, and green blocks to find the total number of blocks.; Calculating the total number of pencils, erasers, and notebooks in a school bag.; Summing up the number of cars, buses, and bikes in a parking lot.; Adding the number of birds, cats, and dogs seen in a park.

Today I Learned

Today we learned how to solve word problems by adding three numbers. The total sum should be 20 or less, and we used objects and drawings to help us find the answer.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think the order of numbers changes the sum, but it doesn't. They might also forget to add all three numbers. We can use objects or drawings to help remember.

Quiz Me

- What is 3 + 4 + 2?
- How many apples are there if you have 5, 3, and 2 apples?
- If you see 1 dog, 2 cats, and 3 birds, how many animals are there?
- What is the sum of 6, 1, and 2?
- How many blocks are there if you have 4 red, 3 blue, and 2 green blocks?

Help Me

We learned how to add three numbers to find a total. For example, if you have 3 apples, 4 oranges, and 2 bananas, you can add them to find out you have 9 fruits in total.