

HOW MANY



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Saim the squirrel loved acorns, but oh no—he forgot where he hid them! "Crunch, crunch," went the leaves as he searched. Suddenly, Mrs. Eubanks the wise owl swooped down. "Hoo hoo, Saim! I can help," she said. "But first, solve this: if you hid 5 acorns under the big oak and 3 more under the bush, how many acorns are there in all?" Saim scratched his head. "Let's count together!"



Saim counted on his fuzzy paws. "5 plus 3... that's 8!" he cheered. Zoom! He raced to the big oak tree. But when he dug, he found only 6 acorns. "Uh-oh," said Mrs. Eubanks. "How many acorns are missing?" Saim thought hard. "8 take away 6 equals 2!" he said. "Two acorns must be somewhere else!" Hop, hop, Saim bounced around the tree, searching for the missing acorns with excitement.



Saim found two piles of acorns near the bushes. One pile had 4 acorns, the other had 7. "Which pile has more?" asked Mrs. Eubanks. Saim counted carefully. "7 is more than 4!" he said proudly. "That means the bigger pile must be my missing stash!" Crunch, crunch, he hopped over and grabbed the acorns. Mrs. Eubanks smiled. "Great job comparing numbers, Saim! You're getting closer."



Saim had 8 acorns from the oak and 7 more from the bushes. "Let's add them all up!" said Mrs. Eubanks. Saim counted slowly: "8 plus 7 equals 15!" Zoom! He did a happy hop. "I found all my acorns!" Mrs. Eubanks hooted proudly. "You solved every problem, Saim. You're a math hero!" Saim grinned, munching a crunchy acorn, ready for his next adventure.



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