

## SPOT THE CLUES

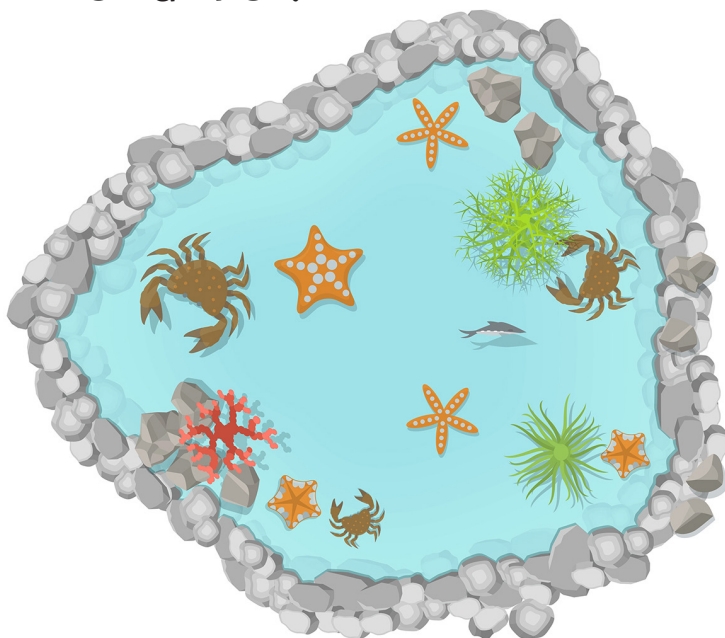
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Look at these word problems.

List **all the clues** that might help you decide if you should use **addition** or **subtraction** to solve them.

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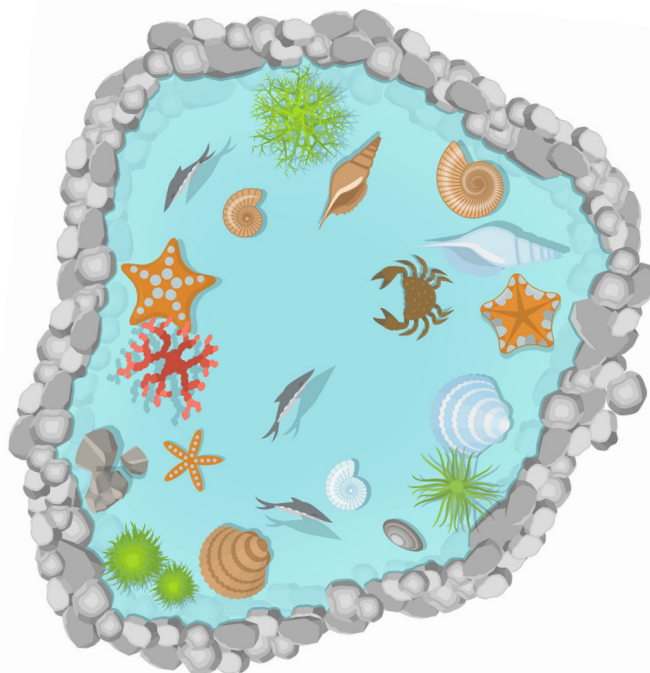
In a rock pool there were  
3 crabs, 5 starfish and  
1 small fish.



What is the total number of sea creatures in this rock pool?

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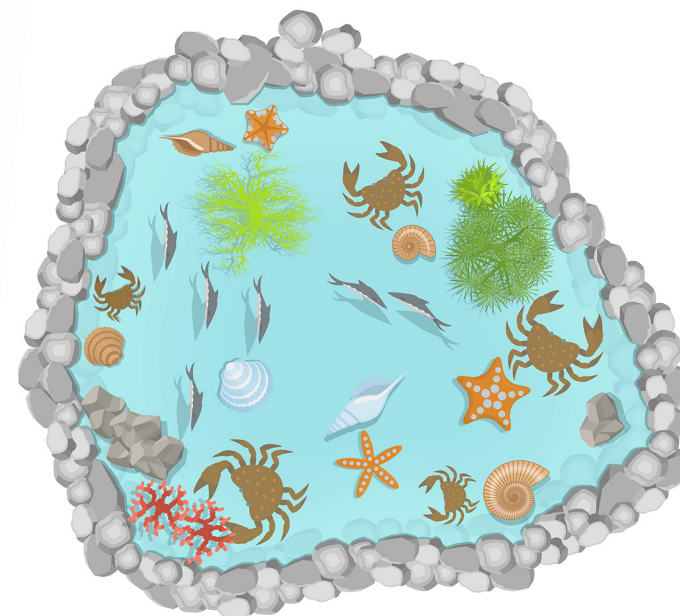
In another rock pool there  
were 15 sea creatures.



How many more creatures were in this pool than were in the first?

c

There were 20 sea creatures  
in the next pool.  
A bird came and ate 4 small fish.



How many sea creatures are there in this pool now?

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Sometimes in a problem you need to **add** or **subtract**.

How would you use addition and subtraction to solve these problems?

While we were at the beach it rained for 2 days, then it was fine, then it rained for 3 more days.



If we were at the beach for a week, how many days were fine?

There were 25 dogs on the beach. 8 dogs were on a lead, 5 dogs were swimming, and 2 were running free. The rest of the dogs were digging in the sand.



How many dogs were digging in the sand?