

2nd Grade Math: Meaning of Sum

What Is a Sum?

In math, the **sum** is the answer you get when you add two or more numbers together.

- For example, if you add $4 + 3$, the **sum** is 7.
- **Sum** = the result of addition.

How Do We Find the Sum?

To find the sum, you simply add numbers together:

1. **Identify the Numbers:** Start with two or more numbers.
2. **Add Them Together:** Use addition to combine the numbers.

Example of Finding the Sum

Problem: What is the sum of 5 and 8?

Solution:

- **Add:** $5 + 8 = 13$
- **Answer:** The sum is **13**.

Real-World Example of a Sum

If you have 2 apples and you buy 3 more apples, how many apples do you have in total?

- **Add:** $2 + 3 = 5$
- The **sum** is 5 apples.

Practice Problem

Problem: What is the sum of 6 and 9?

Solution:

- **Add:** $6 + 9 = 15$
- **Answer:** The sum is **15**.

Why Is the Sum Important?

Understanding the concept of a sum is important because:

- It helps you solve everyday problems, like finding how much money you have after adding your savings.
- It's the foundation of more complex math operations, such as multiplication and division.

Conclusion

The **sum** is the result of addition. By adding numbers together, you can easily find how much you have in total. Keep practicing addition problems to get more comfortable with finding sums!