

Addition - mental

Without using a pencil and paper method, work the answers out to these three number addition problems:

1. $3 + 6 + 8$

2. $7 + 5 + 2$

3. $9 + 1 + 4$

4. $8 + 4 + 3$

5. $7 + 7 + 4$

6. $5 + 3 + 3$

7. $6 + 6 + 2$

8. $9 + 9 + 6$

9. $9 + 7 + 6$

10. $1 + 8 + 8$

11. $2 + 9 + 6$

12. $5 + 9 + 2$

Did you know that $56 + 38$ is the same as $38 + 56$.

So we can write:

$$56 + 38 = 38 + 56$$

They both come to 94.

In the same way:

$$76 + 28 = 28 + 76$$

Fill in the gap in the sums below:

13. $53 + 16 = 16 + \square$

14. $94 + 18 = \square + 94$

15. $62 + 27 = \square + 62$

16. $50 + 78 = 78 + \square$

This is easy!
 $5 + 4$ is the same as
 $4 + 5$



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1. 17 2. 14 3. 14 4. 15 5. 18 6. 11 7. 14 8. 24 9. 22 10. 17
11. 17 12. 16 13. 53 14. 18 15. 27 16. 50

Concepts

Children will meet a variety of vocabulary associated with addition. These include:

More, add, sum, total, altogether, increase, equals, sign, inverse.

These words should be used as often as possible.

They need to know that $76 + 54$ is the same as $54 + 76$

(this is called the commutative law, but children do not need to know the word!)
and that:

23 + 13 + 21 can be worked out in several different orders

eg 13 + 21 + 23 will give the same answer as the above order.