Name _____ Date _____

SEE HOW Four steps to solve any story

STEP 1 AND 2

Read the story. **Find** the numbers and the question.
"Mia has 8 shells. She finds 5 more. How many now?"

STEP 3

Choose: is the group getting bigger (+) or smaller (-)? Finding more → add.
8 + 5

STEP 4

Solve and check: 8 + 5 = **13**. Does 13 make sense? Yes, it is more than 8.

HOW MANY MORE?

"Ben has 9 cards. Ava has 6. How many more does Ben have?" **Compare** → subtract: 9 - 6 = **3**.

YOUR TURN Use the four steps. Circle + or -. Then solve.

1. Sofia has 16 blocks. Sofia gets 4 more. How many blocks does Sofia have now?

   16 (+) (-) 4 = ☐ blocks

Tip: Underline the question. Circle the numbers.

THINK IT THROUGH Add or subtract? Circle + or -. Then solve.

2. Zara has 10 blocks. Zara gives 4 to Lucas. How many blocks does Zara have left?

   10 (+) (-) 4 = ☐ blocks

3. Jayden has 6 apples. Jayden gets 1 more. How many apples does Jayden have now?

   6 (+) (-) 1 = ☐ apples

4. Aisha has 6 apples. Noah has 4 apples. How many more apples does Aisha have than Noah?

   6 (+) (-) 4 = ☐ more apples

5. Omar has 9 big shells and 9 small shells. How many shells are there in all?

   9 (+) (-) 9 = ☐ shells

★ BRAIN BOOST Three numbers

Lucas finds 2 stickers on Monday, 2 on Tuesday and 5 on Wednesday. How many stickers is that in all?

2 + 2 + 5 = ☐ stickers

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① 16 **+** 4 = **20** blocks

② 10 **−** 4 = **6** blocks

③ 6 **+** 1 = **7** apples

④ 6 **−** 4 = **2** more apples

⑤ 9 **+** 9 = **18** shells

★ 2 + 2 + 5 = **9** stickers