



# Number Combining

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# Goals and Purpose

- + Have a deeper sense of the properties of operation
- + Have an understanding of the different meanings of addition and subtraction
- + Realize the power these ideas hold for you and your students to be able to enjoy mathematics!!!

# Quote

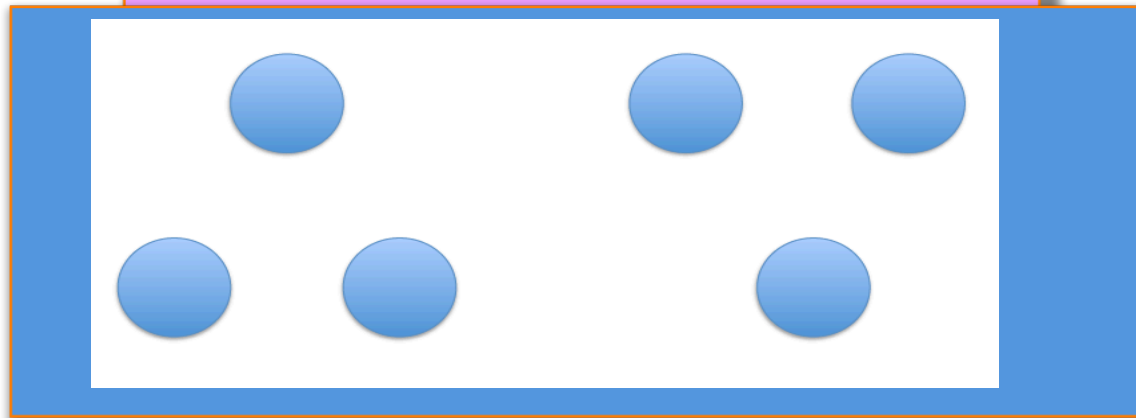
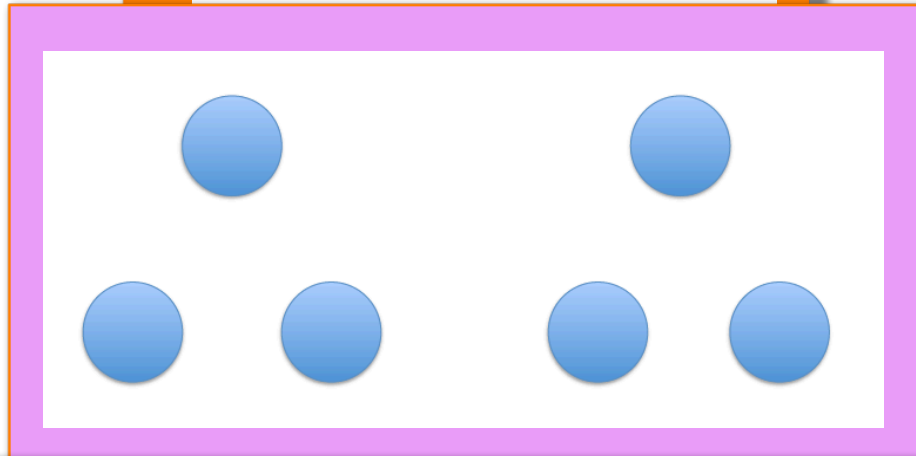
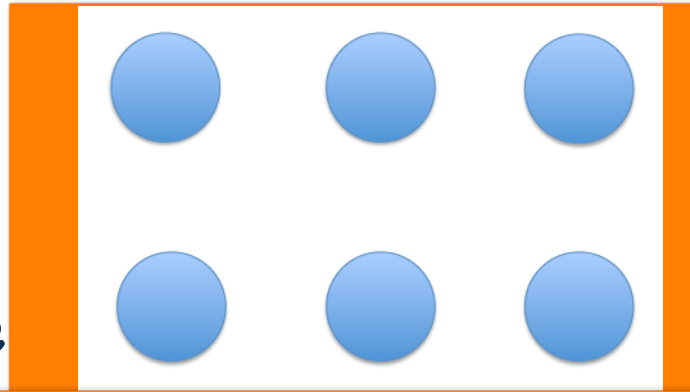
+ “The properties lean into the meanings of the operations.”

-Carter Stedman-5<sup>th</sup> grader at Eastwood

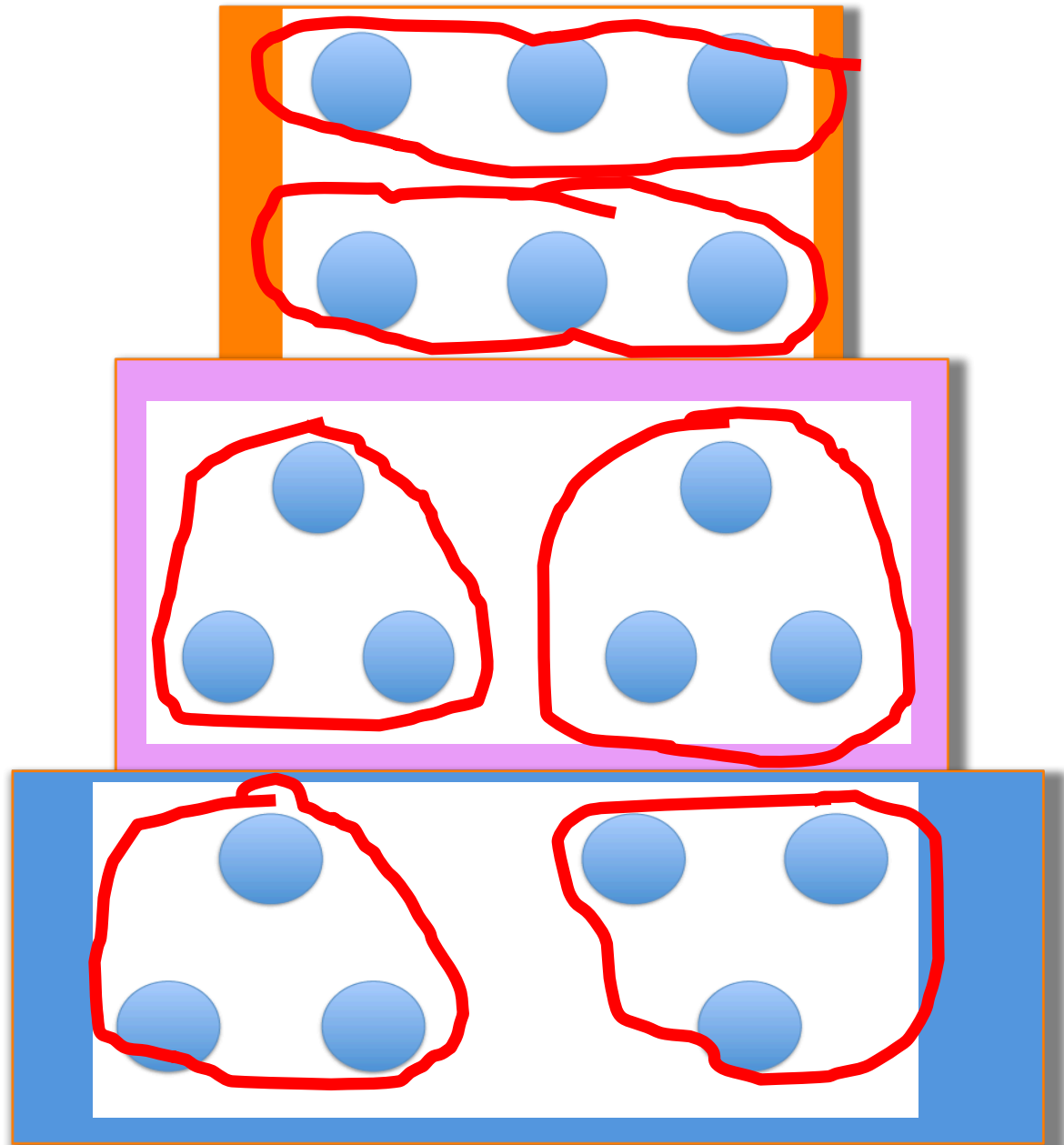
+ What does Carter mean?

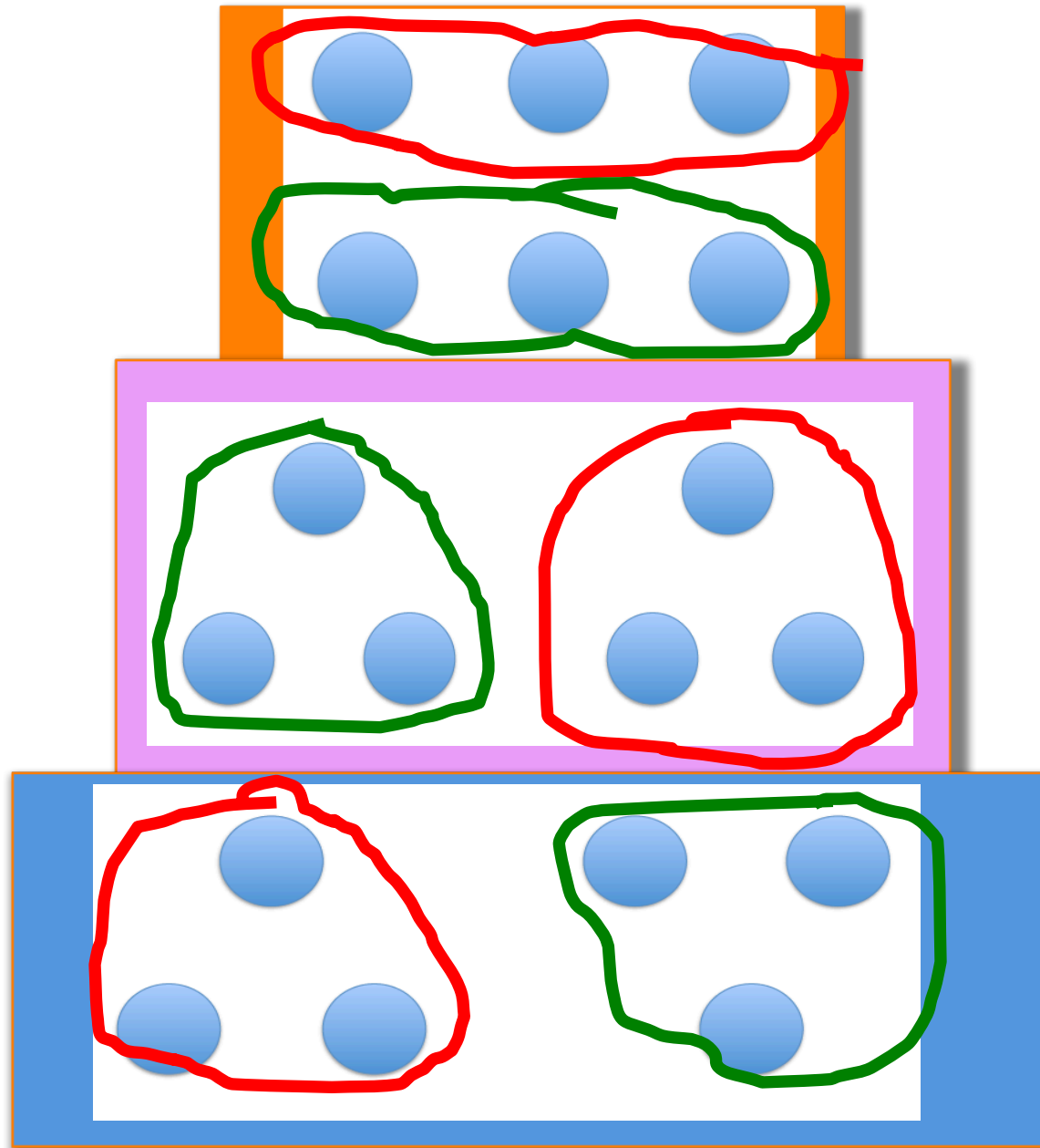
+How many dots  
to do you see in  
each rectangle?

+How do you see  
them?

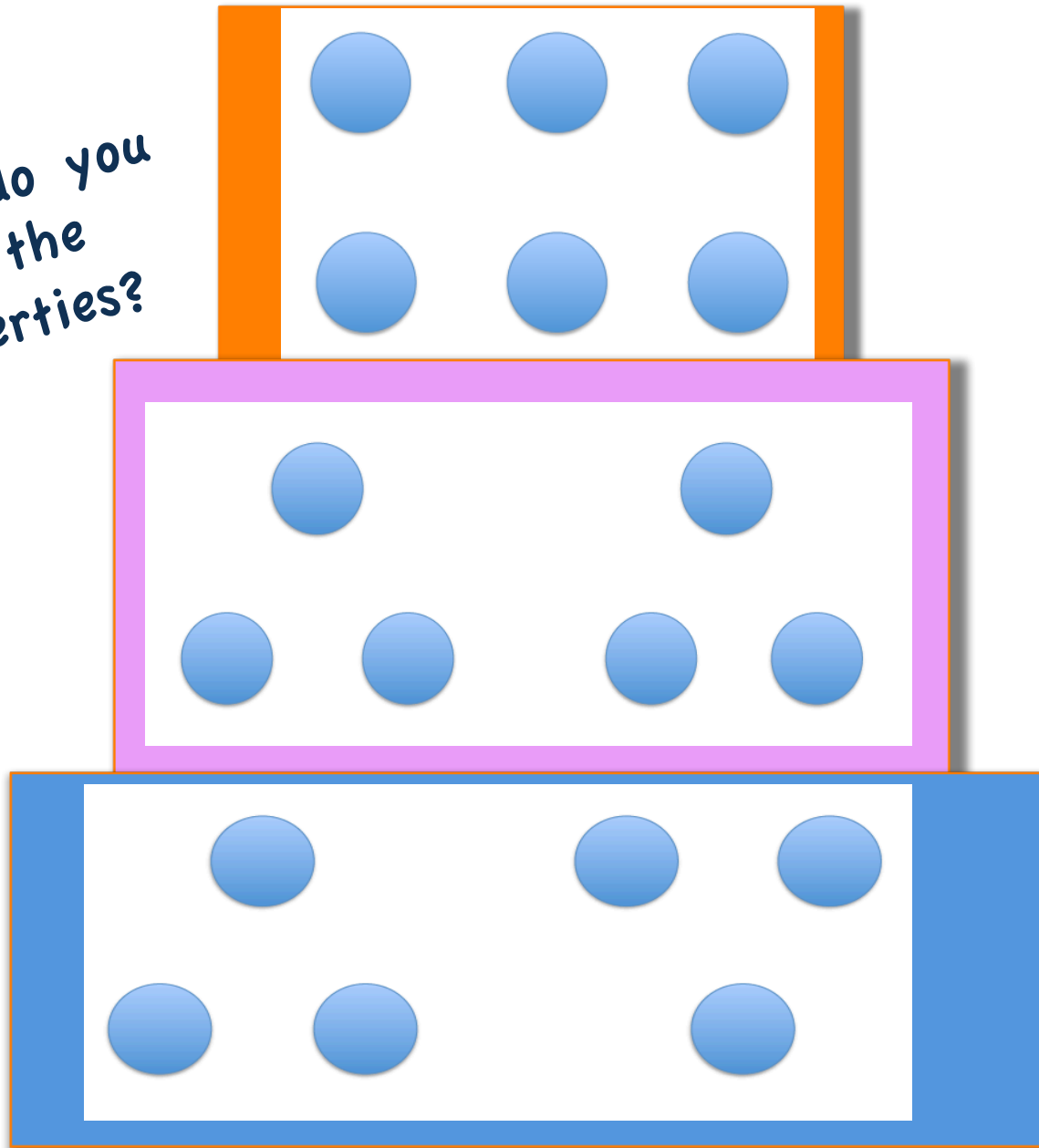






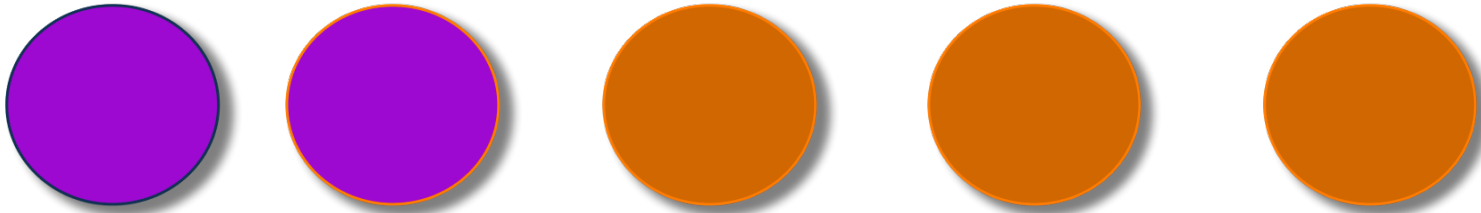


Where do you  
see the  
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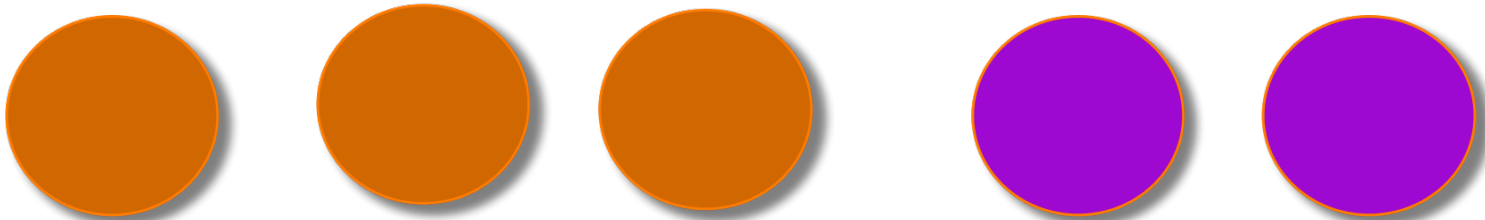


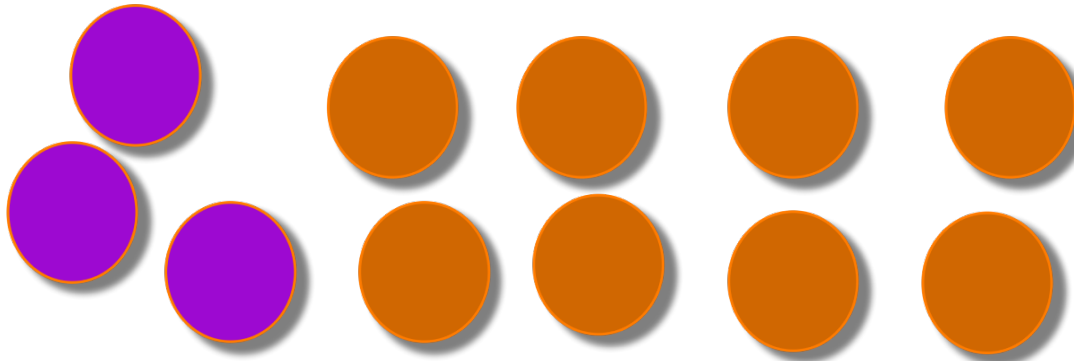
# Commutative Property of Addition

the order of the addends doesn't matter because I will get the same sum



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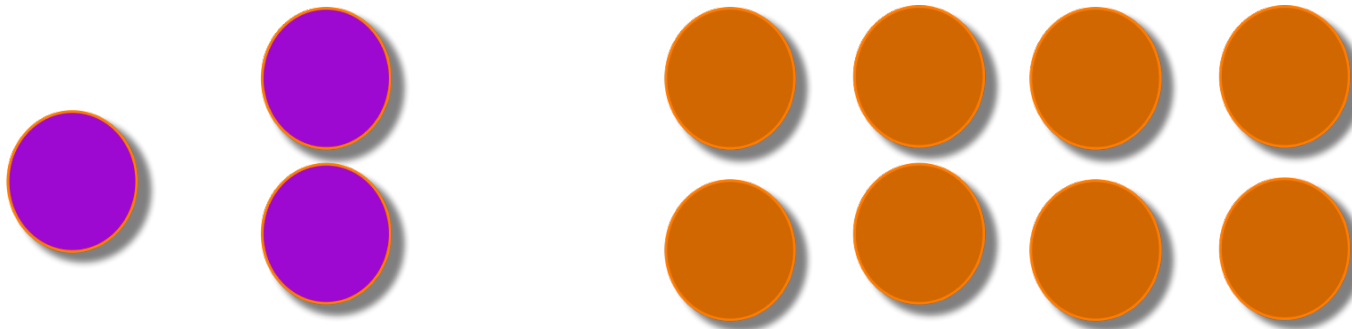




$$3 + 8 = 11$$

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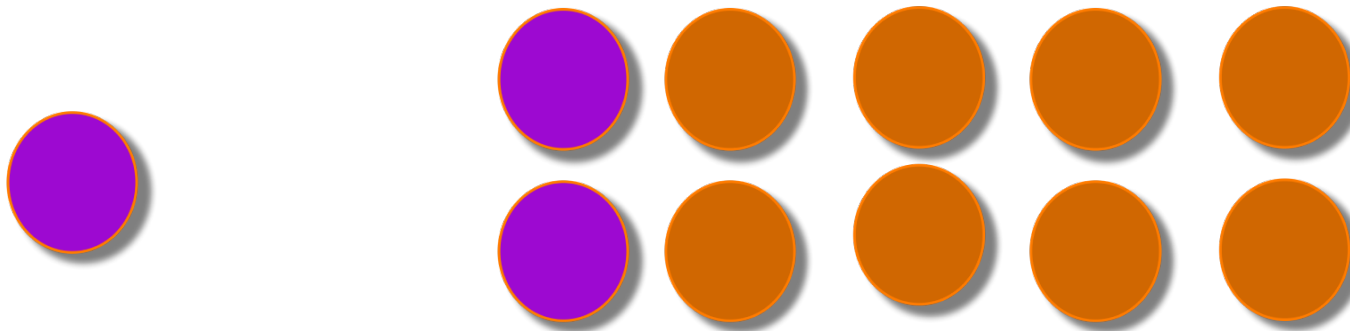
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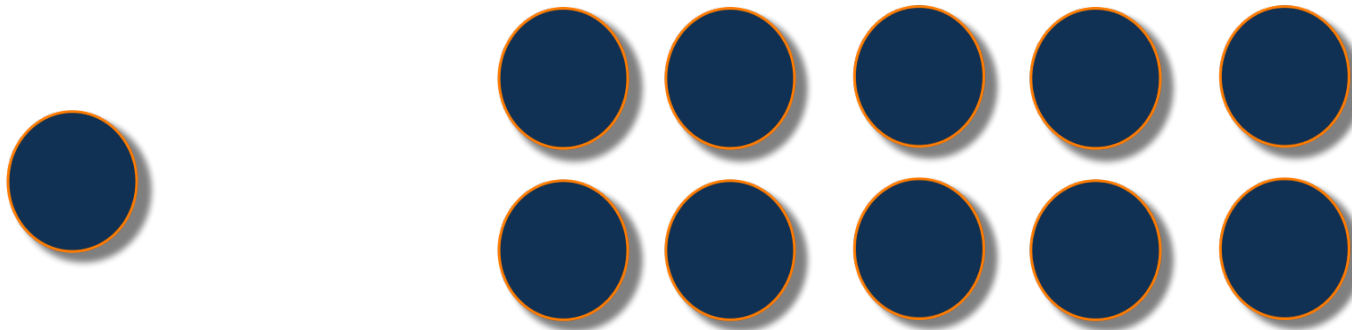
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Why is this important?

- + If I gave you any three digits to add together, what would be your strategy?
- + Is your strategy always the most efficient? How do you know?
- + What do you do in your mind to mentally add numbers that we want *all* students to do?

How would you combine these addends?

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# Meaning of the operations

	Result Unknown
Add to	Two bunnies sat on the grass. Three more bunnies hopped there. How many bunnies are on the grass now? $2 + 3 = ?$
Take from	Five apples were on the table. I ate two apples. How many apples are on the table now? $5 - 2 = ?$
	Total Unknown
Put Together/ Take Apart <sup>2</sup>	Three red apples and two green apples are on the table. How many apples are on the table? $3 + 2 = ?$
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# Apples..... How would you represent these problems differently?

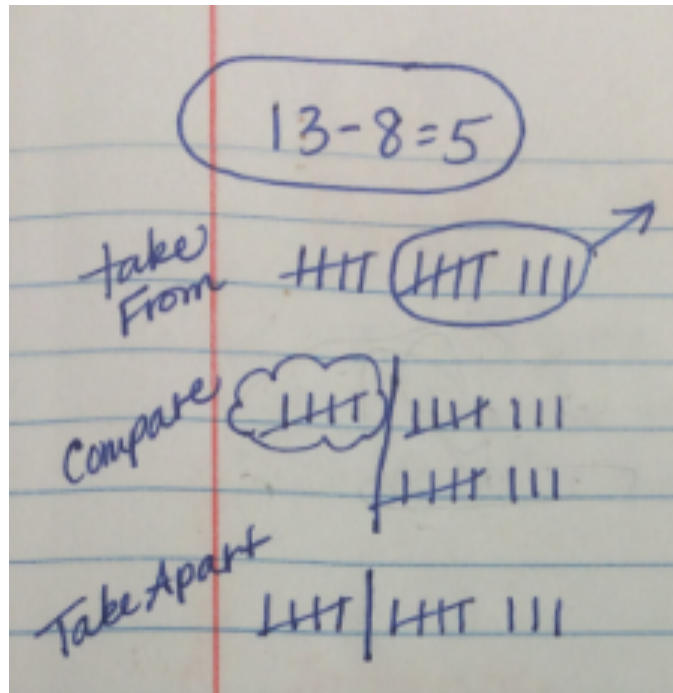
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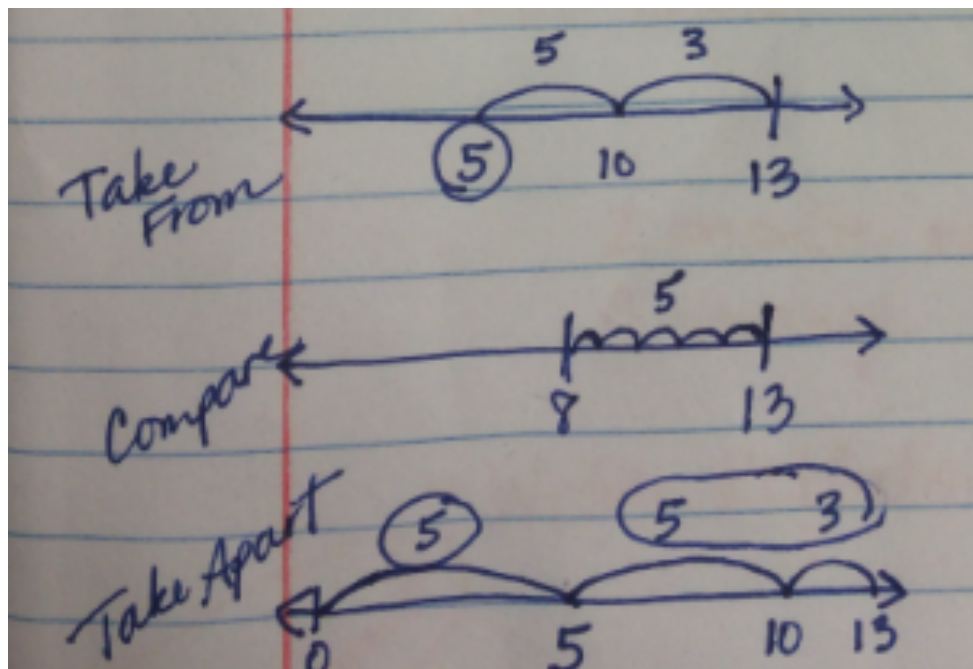
$$13-8=5$$

- + How would you represent this problem with tally marks with the three different meanings of addition?



$$13 - 8 = 5$$

- + How would you represent this problem with number lines with the three different meanings of addition?



# What does the mean to you?

- + What is your action?
- + Where do think you will be able to slide this into your work?
- + How will you help students think about the meaning of the operation? The property of operation?