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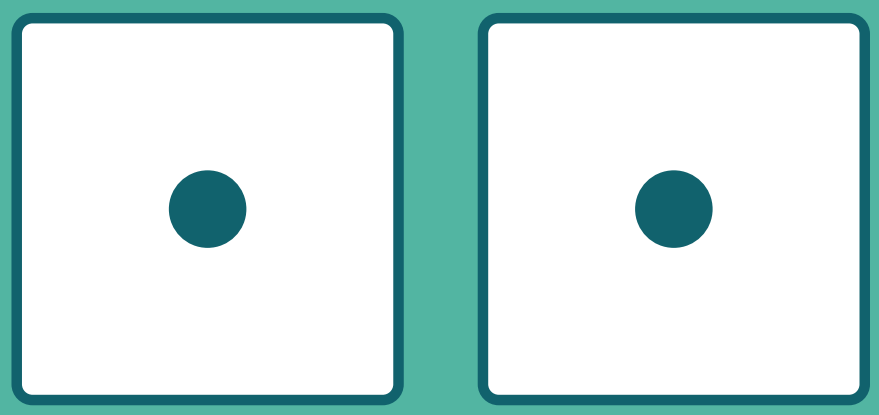
Some ladybugs have no spots at all. Others have 20 spots. Most ladybugs have more than 0 spots, but fewer than 20.

The spots on a ladybug help protect it from predators. The spots send a message to birds, lizards, frogs, spiders, and other animals that says, "Don't eat me… I taste nasty!"

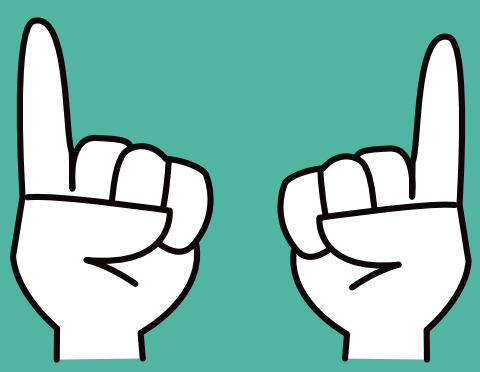
Solve the problems in this book to find out how many spots on each ladybug.

Add with me,
Count with me.
How many spots
do you think we'll see?



1 + 1

1 + 1 = 2



This ladybug has 2 spots.

Add with me,
Count with me.
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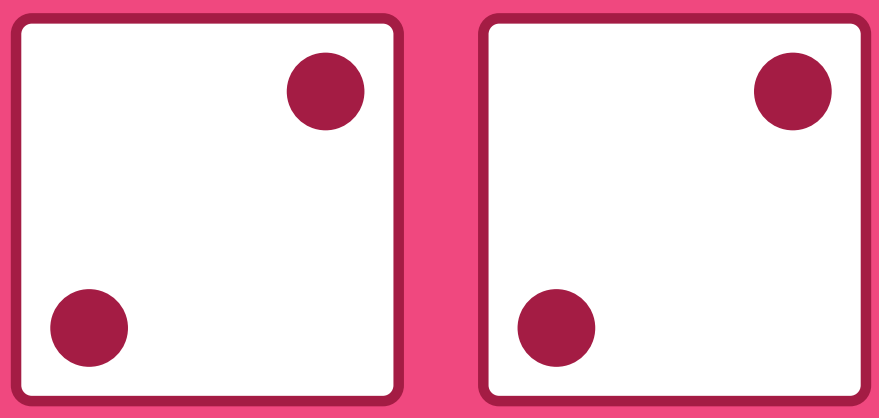
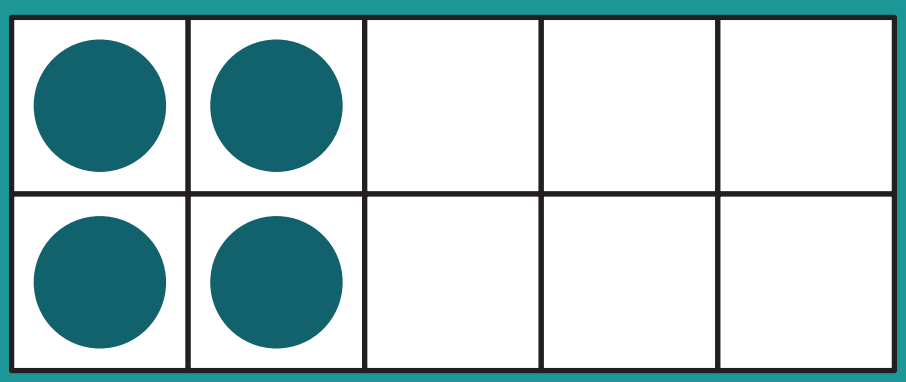
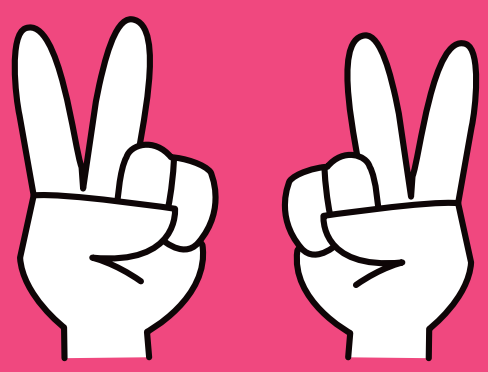
do you think we'll see?



2 + 2



2 + 2 = 4



This ladybug has 4 spots.

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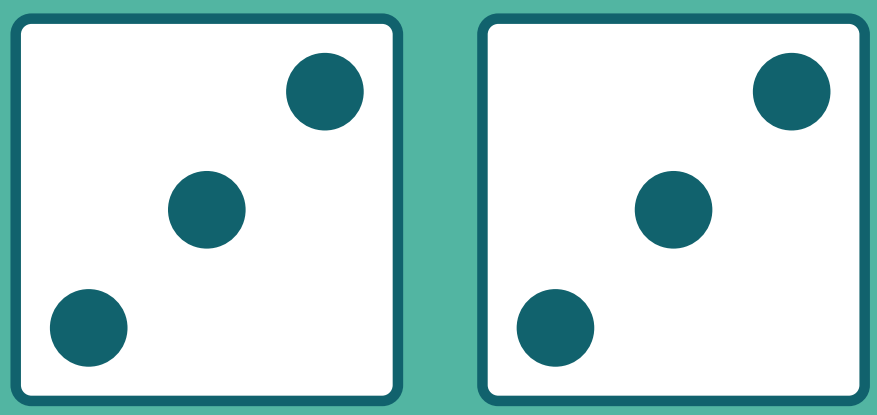
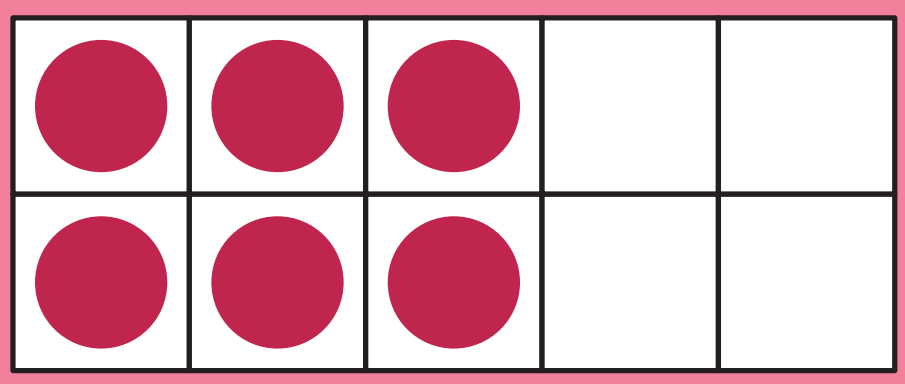
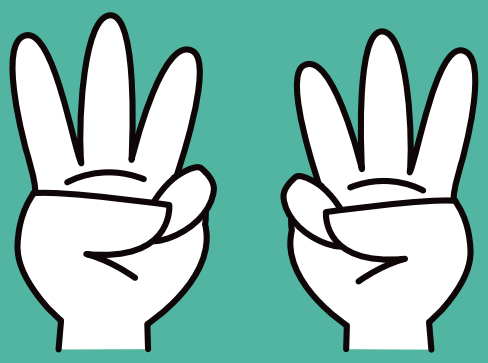


3 + 3



$3 + 3 = 6$



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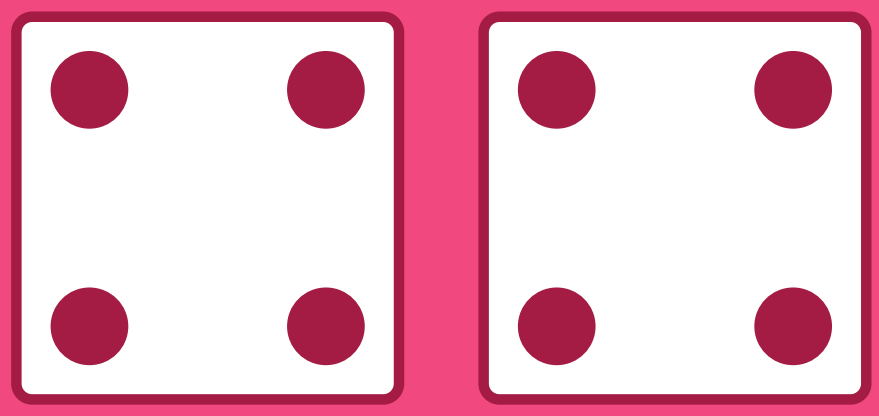
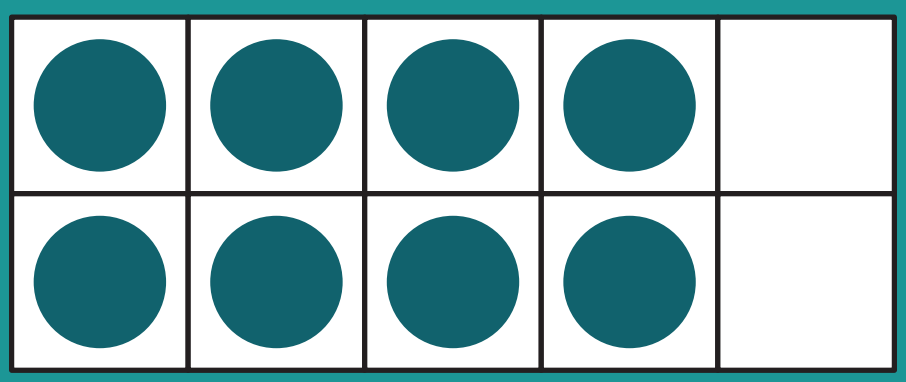
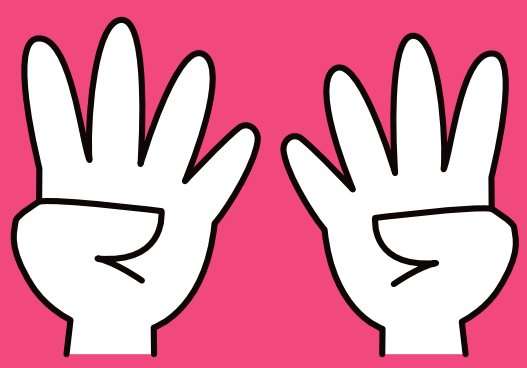


4 + 4



$4 + 4 = 8$



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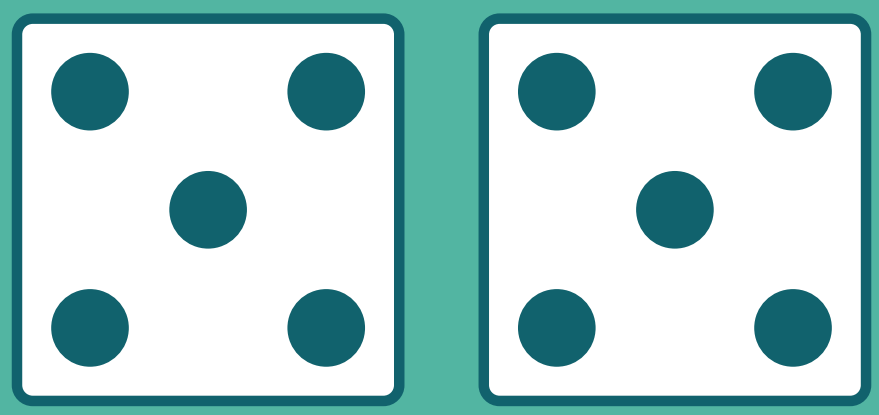
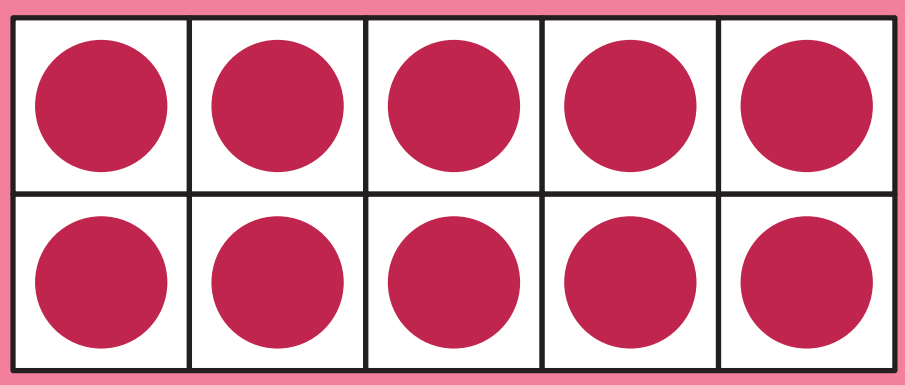
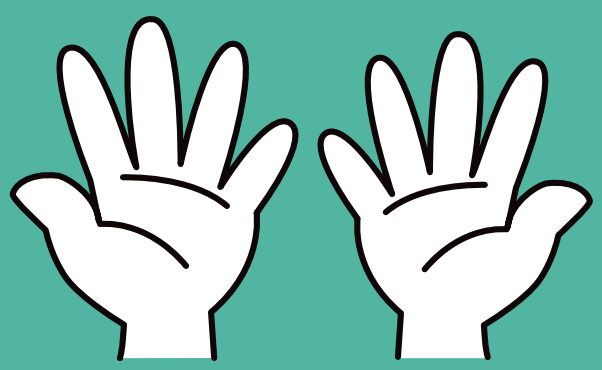


5 + 5



$5 + 5 = 10$



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