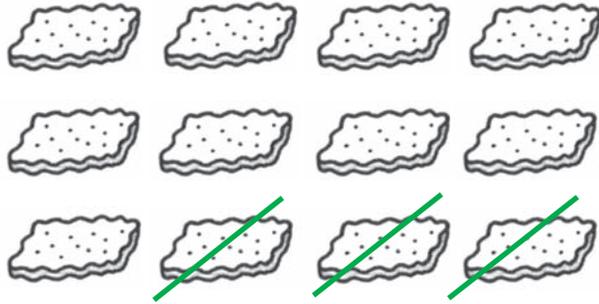# Real-life problems

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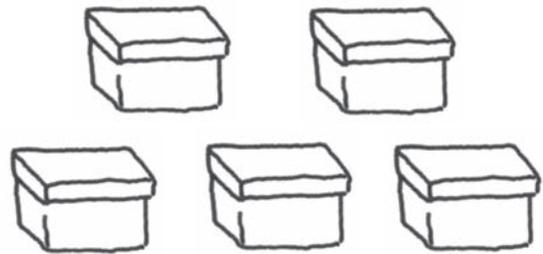There were 12 biscuits. James ate 3. How many were left?

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If you share 16 carrots equally among 4 rabbits, how many carrots will each have?

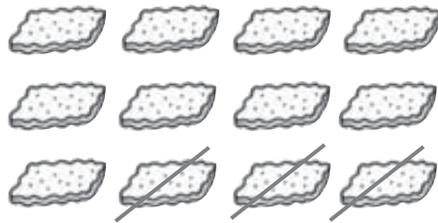Mom had 16 cups, but she broke 9 of them. How many cups does she have left?
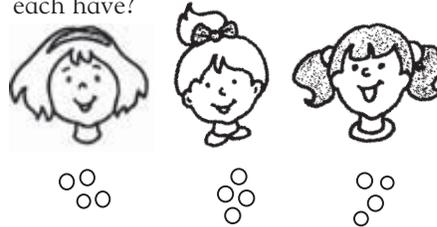
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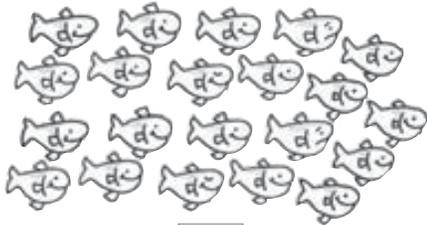There were 12 biscuits. James ate 3. How many were left?

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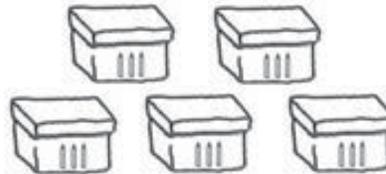Share 12 marbles equally among 3 people. How many marbles will each have?

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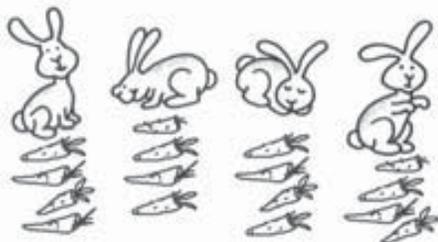
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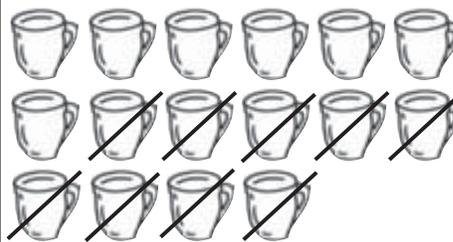
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Children have to decide which operation to use and what kind of answer each question calls for. Call their attention to the words *altogether* and *left*. Point out that these words are clues whether to add or subtract.