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What is Addition

Addition: The Joy of Combining Numbers!

DEFINITION

Addition is the process of finding the total by combining two or more numbers. It helps us understand how much we have altogether.

KEY CONCEPTS

Sum

The result of adding two or more numbers together is called the sum.

Addends

The numbers that you add together are known as addends.

Commutative Property

Changing the order of addends does not change the sum (e.g., $2 + 3 = 3 + 2$).

Associative Property

When adding three or more numbers, the way you group them does not change the sum.

Zero Property

Adding zero to any number does not change its value (e.g., $5 + 0 = 5$).

EXAMPLES

- $3 + 4 = 7$
- $10 + 5 = 15$
- $2 + 2 + 2 = 6$

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Use fingers to count when adding small numbers.
- ★ Remember 'plus' means to combine.
- ★ Think of addition as putting things together.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Forgetting to carry over in larger sums.
- ✗ Confusing addition with subtraction.
- ✗ Adding the same number twice by mistake.

QUICK RECAP

Addition is about combining numbers to find a total. Remember the properties of addition and practice with examples to strengthen your skills.