

# Missing number problems!

The number monster has eaten parts of these number sentences can you help me to figure out what the missing numbers are?



There are a few ways you can do this. So lets work through one together.

$$4 + ? = 7$$

- ♦ To figure this out you can use a number line and count on from the first number until you reach the answer- how many jumps you made solves the problem.



- ♦ Or you can do something called the inverse. So for this problem it would be  $7 - 4 = ?$  So take the number you already have away from the answer and it solves the problem for you. This works because as we already know both sides of the  $=$  sign have to be the same amount/equal.
- ♦ Can you find any other ways of solving these problems?

$7 + ? = 10$

$? + 6 = 9$

$2 + ? = 7$

$6 + ? = 8$

$? + 8 = 10$

$3 + ? = 6$

$3 + ? = 11$

$? + 9 = 14$

$2 + ? = 20$

$5 + ? = 15$

$? + 7 = 19$

$4 + ? = 12$