

# Desert Adventure Word Problems: Help the Scorpion and Friends!

Math

Grade 3

Desert Theme

Help the desert creatures solve their exciting adventures by working through each story problem!

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1

Sammy the Scorpion found 12 shiny beetles hiding under rocks. His friend Sally found 8 more beetles than Sammy. How many beetles did Sally find?

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2

A caravan of camels was traveling across the hot desert. There were 5 camels carrying water, and 7 camels carrying supplies. How many camels were in the caravan altogether?

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Cactus the Coyote had 25 desert flowers to share with his friends. He gave 9 flowers to a thirsty lizard. How many flowers did Cactus have left?

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At the desert oasis, there were 3 groups of animals coming to drink water. Each group had 6 animals. How many animals came to the oasis in total?

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Rita the Rattlesnake collected 30 smooth pebbles to decorate her burrow. She used 12 pebbles for the entrance. How many pebbles did she have left for the rest of her home?

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Two desert explorers found treasure! They discovered 4 chests of gold coins on Monday, 3 chests on Wednesday, and 2 chests on Friday. How many chests did they find altogether?

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7

A family of jackrabbits was preparing for winter. They stored 28 seeds in their warren. If they share them equally among 4 family members, how many seeds does each rabbit get?

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During a sandstorm, Petra the Roadrunner saw different creatures taking shelter. She counted 15 insects, 6 lizards, and 3 birds hiding in the rocks. How many creatures were sheltering in total?

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# Answer Key

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For Parents and Teachers

1

Sammy the Scorpion found 12 shiny beetles hiding under rocks. His friend Sally found 8 more beetles than Sammy. How many beetles did Sally find?

ANSWER

20 beetles

2

A caravan of camels was traveling across the hot desert. There were 5 camels carrying water, and 7 camels carrying supplies. How many camels were in the caravan altogether?

ANSWER

12 camels

3

Cactus the Coyote had 25 desert flowers to share with his friends. He gave 9 flowers to a thirsty lizard. How many flowers did Cactus have left?

ANSWER

16 flowers

4

At the desert oasis, there were 3 groups of animals coming to drink water. Each group had 6 animals. How many animals came to the oasis in total?

ANSWER

18 animals

5

Rita the Rattlesnake collected 30 smooth pebbles to decorate her burrow. She used 12 pebbles for the entrance. How many pebbles did she have left for the rest of her home?

ANSWER

18 pebbles

6

Two desert explorers found treasure! They discovered 4 chests of gold coins on Monday, 3 chests on Wednesday, and 2 chests on Friday. How many chests did they find altogether?

ANSWER

9 chests

7

A family of jackrabbits was preparing for winter. They stored 28 seeds in their warren. If they share them equally among 4 family members, how many seeds does each rabbit get?

ANSWER

7 seeds

8

During a sandstorm, Petra the Roadrunner saw different creatures taking shelter. She counted 15 insects, 6 lizards, and 3 birds hiding in the rocks. How many creatures were sheltering in total?

ANSWER

24 creatures