

Mini-Map for M.EE.3.OA.8

Subject: Mathematics Operations and Algebraic Thinking (OA) Grade: 3

Learning Outcome

DLM Essential Element	Grade-Level Standard
M.EE.3.OA.8 Solve one-step real-world problems using addition	M.3.OA.8 Solve two-step word problems using the four
or subtraction within 20.	operations. Represent these problems using equations with a
	letter standing for the unknown quantity. Assess the
	reasonableness of answers using mental computation and
	estimation strategies including rounding.

Linkage Level Descriptions

Initial Precursor	Distal Precursor	Proximal Precursor	Target	Successor
Combine two or more	Demonstrate	Find the unknown sum	Solve addition and	Use addition and
sets of objects or	understanding of	(e.g., 5 + 8 = ?) or the	subtraction word	subtraction to solve
numbers to form a new	addition by combining	missing addend (e.g., 6	problems within 20.	two-step word
set. Divide a set of 10 or	the objects of two or	+?=10) in an addition		problems, including
fewer objects into two	more sets and	equation. Find the		join, separate, part-
or more distinct subsets	understanding of	unknown difference in a		part-whole, and
(e.g., dividing a set	subtraction by	subtraction equation		compare problems.
containing 10 objects	removing some objects	(e.g., 12 - 7 = ?).		
into two subsets	from a larger set.			
containing 4 and 6				
objects).				

Initial Precursor and Distal Precursor Linkage Level Relationships to the Target

How is the Initial Precursor related to the Target?

The knowledge needed to solve addition and subtraction word problems links back to an understanding of how to create sets (see M.3.OA.1-2), but it also requires learning to manipulate sets (i.e., combining and separating or partitioning). Provide students many opportunities to take a set of objects (e.g., tiles, linking cubes, buttons) and separate them based on a given characteristic (e.g., shape, color, size) into two distinct sets, separate them again based on another characteristic. Guide students to notice how the set size changes each time you combine or partition the sets.

How is the Distal Precursor related to the Target? As students gain an understanding of how to group and

As students gain an understanding of now to group and manipulate items into sets, educators will begin to help students connect their knowledge of sets and counting to addition and subtraction. Educators will provide multiple experiences using the various addition and subtraction problem types (e.g., joining, separating, part-part-whole, and comparison problems). Here are a few examples.



Instructional Resources

Released Testlets	
See the Guide to Practice Activities and Released Testlets.	
Using Untested (UN) Nodes	
See the document Using Mini-Maps to Plan Instruction.	



M.EE.3.OA.8 Solve one-step real-world problems using addition or subtraction within 20.

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IP	Initial Precursor
DP	Distal Precursor
PP	Proximal Precursor
т	Target
S	Successor
UN	Untested
Boxes indicate tested nodes	