

Maya's Hanukkah Counting Adventure

Grade 1

math

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Students will count forward and backward within 20 using Hanukkah story scenes with Maya.

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Maya finds 3 gold coins. She counts each coin. How many coins does Maya have? Draw 3 coins and count them.

2. Maya lights 5 candles. She counts each flame. How many flames does Maya count?

3. Maya has 5 gold coins. She finds 4 more rare coins. How many coins does Maya have now? Count on from 5.

4. Maya sees 8 blue gems. She sees 3 more hidden gems inside a box. How many gems in all?

5. True or False: Maya counts 7 rare silver coins plus 6 gold coins. That is 14 coins in all.

6. Maya lights 9 candles on night one. She lights 8 more on night two. How many candles did Maya light in all?

7. Maya finds a hidden treasure chest. It holds 20 rare gems. She gives 6 gems away. How many gems are left in the chest?

8. Maya opened the hidden treasure chest! Inside she counts 8 gold coins, 5 rare gems, and 4 unique silver coins. How many items did Maya find in all? Show every step. Write a number sentence.

Answer Key: Maya's Hanukkah Counting Adventure

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Before Q6, pause and ask students to act out Maya lighting candles on a real or drawn menorah — this kinesthetic moment helps children visualize counting on from 9 to 17, the specific numbers in that question.

1. Maya finds 3 gold coins. She counts each coin. How many coins does Maya have? Draw 3 coins and count them.

Answer: Maya counts: 1 coin, 2 coins, 3 coins. 3 coins total. Answer = 3 coins.

2. Maya lights 5 candles. She counts each flame. How many flames does Maya count?

Answer: Maya counts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 flames. Answer = 5 flames.

3. Maya has 5 gold coins. She finds 4 more rare coins. How many coins does Maya have now? Count on from 5.

Answer: Maya starts at 5. She counts on 4 more: 6, 7, 8, 9. $5 + 4 = 9$ coins. Answer = 9 coins.

4. Maya sees 8 blue gems. She sees 3 more hidden gems inside a box. How many gems in all?

Answer: Maya starts at 8. She counts on 3 more: 9, 10, 11. $8 + 3 = 11$ gems. Answer = 11 gems.

5. True or False: Maya counts 7 rare silver coins plus 6 gold coins. That is 14 coins in all.

Answer: Maya counts: $7 + 6$. Start at 7, count on 6: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. $7 + 6 = 13$, NOT 14. Answer = FALSE.

6. Maya lights 9 candles on night one. She lights 8 more on night two. How many candles did Maya light in all?

Answer: Maya starts at 9. She counts on 8 more: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. $9 + 8 = 17$ candles. Answer = 17 candles.

7. Maya finds a hidden treasure chest. It holds 20 rare gems. She gives 6 gems away. How many gems are left in the chest?

Answer: Maya starts at 20. She counts back 6: 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14. $20 - 6 = 14$ gems. Answer = 14 gems.

8. Maya opened the hidden treasure chest! Inside she counts 8 gold coins, 5 rare gems, and 4 unique silver coins. How many items did Maya find in all? Show every step. Write a number sentence.

Answer: Step 1: Maya adds coins and gems. $8 + 5 = 13$. Start at 8, count on 5: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Step 2: Maya adds silver coins. $13 + 4 = 17$. Start at 13, count on 4: 14, 15, 16, 17. Number sentence: $8 + 5 + 4 = 17$. Maya found 17 items in the hidden treasure chest! Answer = 17 items.