

# Maya's Spring Flower Hunt — Count Along!

Grade 1

math

spring-flowers

Students will count forward and backward within 20 using a spring-flowers story context.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Maya sees 4 pink flowers. She sees 3 more. How many flowers does Maya see? Count up from 4: 5, 6, 7.

2. Maya finds a special golden seed. She counts 6 petals on it. She counts 2 more. How many petals? Count up: 7, 8.

3. Maya spots a unique blue bloom. There are 5 blooms in one row. There are 4 blooms in a second row. How many blooms in all?  $5 + 4 = ?$

4. Maya picks 10 flowers for her basket. A bee takes 3 away. How many flowers are left? Fill in the blank:  $10 - 3 = \underline{\quad}$ .

5. Maya finds a rare red rose bush. It has 7 roses. She finds 5 more roses nearby. How many roses does Maya find?  $7 + 5 = \underline{\quad}$ .

6. True or False? Maya digs up a hidden treasure box with 14 flower coins. She uses 6 coins. She has 9 coins left. True or False? Show your working.

7. Maya finds a unique jar. It holds 8 flower seeds. She adds 7 more seeds. Then she adds 2 more. How many seeds in all?

8. Maya reaches the hidden treasure at the end of the flower path! She counts 9 rare find gems in one pile and 8 rare find gems in a second pile. She gives 4 gems to her friend. How many gems does Maya keep? Show every step.

# Answer Key: Maya's Spring Flower Hunt — Count Along!

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Before Q6, pause and ask students to predict how many rare finds Maya has collected so far — tallying Q3 and Q5 answers together makes a great whole-class counting check.

1. Maya sees 4 pink flowers. She sees 3 more. How many flowers does Maya see? Count up from 4: 5, 6, 7.  
**Answer: 4 flowers + 3 flowers = 7 flowers. Count up: 4 → 5, 6, 7 = 7 flowers.**
2. Maya finds a special golden seed. She counts 6 petals on it. She counts 2 more. How many petals? Count up: 7, 8.  
**Answer: 6 petals + 2 petals = 8 petals. Count up: 6 → 7, 8 = 8 petals.**
3. Maya spots a unique blue bloom. There are 5 blooms in one row. There are 4 blooms in a second row. How many blooms in all?  $5 + 4 = ?$   
**Answer: 5 blooms + 4 blooms = 9 blooms. Count up: 5 → 6, 7, 8, 9 = 9 blooms.**
4. Maya picks 10 flowers for her basket. A bee takes 3 away. How many flowers are left? Fill in the blank:  $10 - 3 = \underline{\quad}$ .  
**Answer: 10 flowers - 3 flowers = 7 flowers. Count back: 10 → 9, 8, 7 = 7 flowers.**
5. Maya finds a rare red rose bush. It has 7 roses. She finds 5 more roses nearby. How many roses does Maya find?  $7 + 5 = \underline{\quad}$ .  
**Answer: 7 roses + 5 roses = 12 roses. Count up: 7 → 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 = 12 roses.**
6. True or False? Maya digs up a hidden treasure box with 14 flower coins. She uses 6 coins. She has 9 coins left. True or False? Show your working.  
**Answer: 14 coins - 6 coins = 8 coins. Count back: 14 → 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8 = 8 coins. 8 does NOT equal 9. Answer: FALSE.**
7. Maya finds a unique jar. It holds 8 flower seeds. She adds 7 more seeds. Then she adds 2 more. How many seeds in all?  
**Answer: Step 1: 8 seeds + 7 seeds = 15 seeds. Count up: 8 → 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. Step 2: 15 seeds + 2 seeds = 17 seeds. Count up: 15 → 16, 17. Answer: 17 seeds.**
8. Maya reaches the hidden treasure at the end of the flower path! She counts 9 rare find gems in one pile and 8 rare find gems in a second pile. She gives 4 gems to her friend. How many gems does Maya keep? Show every step.  
**Answer: Step 1: Count both piles together. 9 gems + 8 gems = 17 gems. Count up: 9 → 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. Step 2: Maya gives 4 away. 17 gems - 4 gems = 13 gems. Count back: 17 → 16, 15, 14, 13. Answer: Maya keeps 13 rare find gems. Maya completed her spring flower adventure!**