



# Parts Equal Total

Use this structure when the math main idea of the story describes:

- parts being composed to form a total, or
- a total being decomposed to form parts

*Example: Ms. Felder has 8 balloons.  
Three are red. The rest are yellow.  
How many are yellow?*

**8 balloons**

**3 balloons  
(red)**

**— balloons  
(yellow)**