## Nature Hike Problem Solving

Read each number story below. You will need to either add or subtract to find the answer.

Grant went hiking with his brother John. They collected 6 sticks on the path and 13 leaves.
How many more leaves than sticks did the boys find?

Hannah found one baby bird that had fallen from its nest. When she looked up in the tree, she saw that there were 5 more baby birds still in the nest.
How many baby birds were there in all?

Lucy and Nina were chasing butterflies in the meadow. One butterfly landed on Lucy's nose! Nina saw 8 more butterflies land on the flowers nearby. How many butterflies did the girls see that day?

Frank caught 1 garden snake and 2 frogs on his hike. His sister Polly dug up 7 bugs from the side of the trail.
How many animals did the two hikers find in all?
Who found more critters, Frank or Polly?
How many more?

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David went wading in the water and collected 14 river rocks for his collection. He already has 12 river rocks at home.
How many river rocks does he have now?

## Challenge:

Rick went bird watching with his friend Luke. Rick saw lots of small birds. He spotted 2 cardinals, 4 bluebirds, 7 robins, 10 sparrows, and 5 hummingbirds. Luke was looking for bigger birds. He saw 1 crow and 3 bald eagles.

How many birds did the boys see altogether?
How many more sparrows did they see than bald eagles?
How many cardinals and hummingbirds did they count?
Were there fewer BIG birds or small birds?
How many fewer were there?
Which type of bird did they see the MOST of?
Which type of bird did they see the LEAST of?
What is the difference between the type of bird MOST spotted and the type of bird LEAST spotted?

