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Using Tally Marks for Data Collection

Do you know what a tally mark is? Tally marks are lines written on a piece of paper that make adding a group of numbers easier. When counting, every four items are represented by a line and the fifth line is drawn through the whole group of lines. Once you have your tallies completed, you can count by fives to add groups.

For example: I = 1 II = 2 III = 3 IIII = 4 # = 5

If you were asking all of your friends a question that may have different answers, you could use tally marks to keep track of the results. In the survey below, ask ten of your friends, which pet they like best. Use tally marks to record your results.

Bird	Cat	Dog	Fish	Rabbit
Total	Total	Total	Total	Total

Which pet has the most tally marks? _____

Which pet has the least tally marks? _____

How many of your classmates liked dogs more than fish? _____

