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The boys are playing tennis. Jack has 3 tennis balls. His friend Mike has 2 tennis balls. How many tennis balls do they have in all?

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Sierra and 5 friends eat lunch. Then 2 of her friends leave for gym class. How many of Sierra's friends are left?

$$5 \quad 2 \quad = \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

John sees 4 fire trucks in the front of his school. He sees 1 more in the back of his school. How many fire trucks are there in all?

$$4 \quad 1 \quad = \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



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Answers

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$$3 + 2 = \underline{5}$$

Sierra and 5 friends eat lunch. Then 2 of her friends leave for gym class. How many of Sierra's friends are left?

$$5 - 2 = \underline{3}$$

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$$3 + 1 = \underline{4}$$

